EEEE
EEEE
EEH?!

Dealing session

Lot B: bidders

Shimoharada Osamu	1 gold coin
Harimoto Takashi	2 gold coins
Akiyama Shin'ichi	3 gold coins

3 bidders in total

Lot B winner:

Akiyama Shin'ichi

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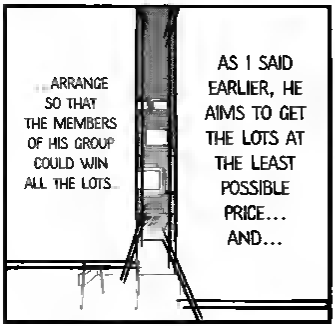
AKIYAMA'S THE WINNEE EEEEE?!

SO AKIYAMA MANAGED TO SEE THROUGH HARIMOTO'S "SPIRIT" TRICK AFTER ALL...?!
EEEE EEEE EH?!
CAN "RELIGION" FOOL PEOPLE?!


...ARRANGE SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP COULD WIN ALL THE LOTS.
AS I SAID EARLIER, HE AIMS TO GET THE LOTS AT THE LEAST POSSIBLE PRICE... AND...

HM ...
WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN ME ALREADY WHAT TRICK HARIMOTO USED UNDER THE "SPIRIT" DISGUISE?
ABOUT THAT...

THE "SPIRIT".
TO ACCOMPLISH HIS GOAL HE CAME UP WITH A PLAN...

FOR HIS PLAN TO WORK THERE WERE TWO CONDITIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE MET.
.....
FIRST ONE: SAMUE NEEDED TO MAKE EVERYBODY BELIEVE THAT HIS GROUP APPROVED OF KANZAKI'S PROPOSITION.
BY KANZAKI'S PROPOSITION YOU MEAN THAT PLAN SHE SUGGESTED WHERE ALL OF THEM DISCUSS WHO BIDS ON WHAT LOT, AND, AS A RESULT, EVERY PLAYER GETS ONE LOT FOR A PRICE OF 1 COIN DURING THE DEALING SESSION?
YES, THAT ONE.
THE OTHER CONDITION WAS...
...TO MAKE THE PLAYERS THINK THAT NOT EVERYBODY IN THEIR MIDST WOULD OBEDIENTLY GO ALONG WITH THE BID-RIGGING DEAL KANZAKI SUGGESTED.
?
HUH ...?
WELL, ANYWAY, THE KEY PERSON, WHOSE EFFORTS ALLOWED HARIMOTO TO EXECUTE HIS PLAN ...
...WAS THIS MAN.
YASUKAWA?

EEH?!

THIS MAN... IS HARIMOTO'S ACCOMPLICE.

SINCE BEFORE THIS GAME STARTED.

SINCE WHEN ...?

SO HE APPROACHED HIM BEFORE TODAY'S GAME START, AND THEY FORMED AN ALLIANCE.

HARIMOTO KNEW THAT YASUKAWA HARBORED A GRUDGE ORIGINATING IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, THE 'STEAL-A-CHAIR' GAME, AGAINST AKIYAMA'S GROUP.

!?

The proceeding of the mock game

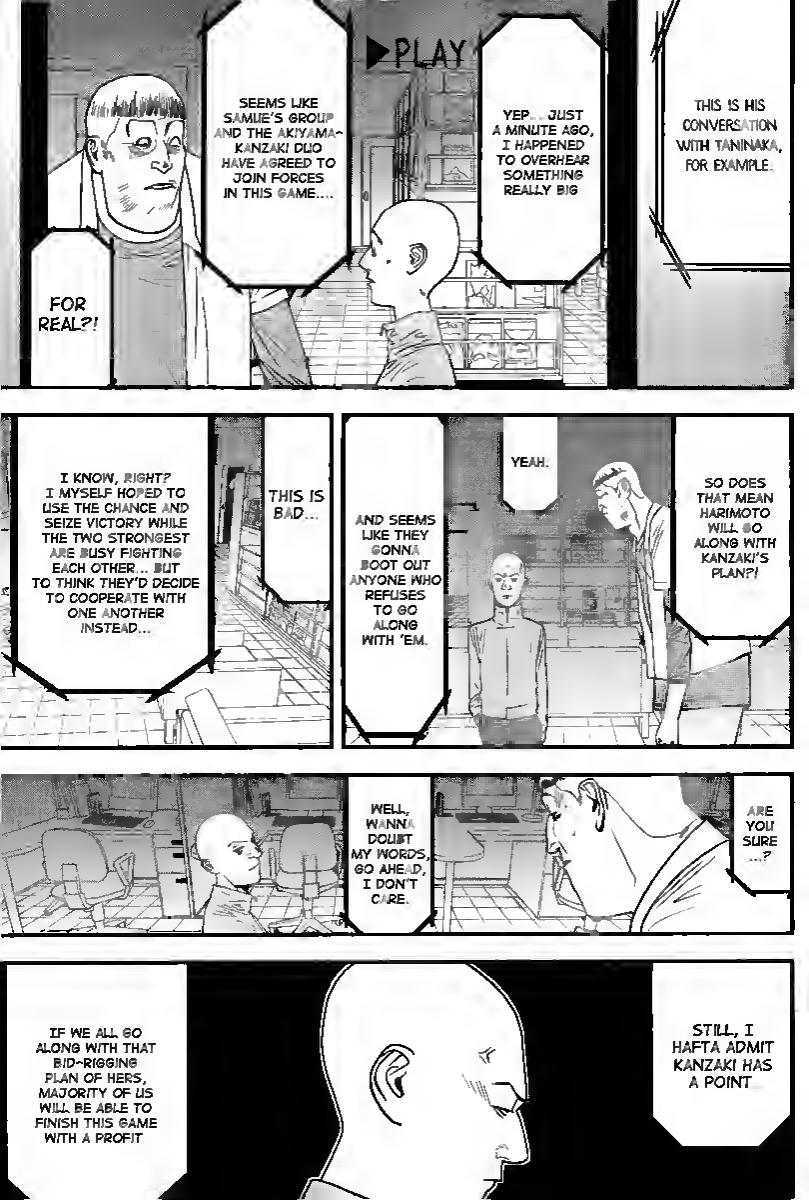
Dealing session.

① *The catalogue is revealed*
Consideration time (3 minutes)
② *Bidding period for Lot A (30 seconds)*
③ *Bid examination, the winner announcement*
④ *Bidding period for Lot B (30 seconds)*

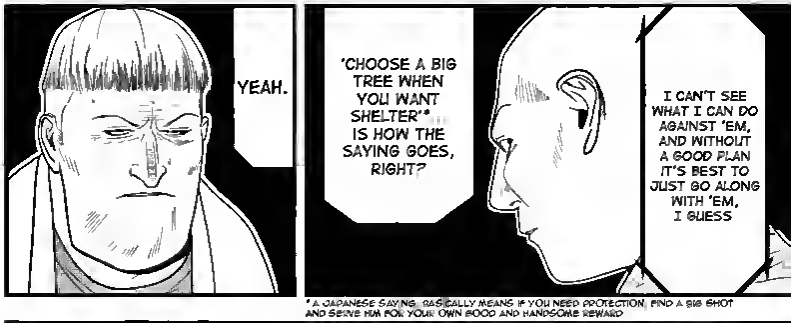
Change session.

① *Changing cards period (1 minute)*
② *The change catalogue is revealed*
Consideration time (3 minutes)
③ *Bidding period for Lot A (30 seconds)*
④ *Bid examination, the winner announcement*

RIGHT AFTER THE DEALING CATALOGUE OF THE MOCK GAME HAD BEEN REVEALED, YASUKAWA STARTED TO UNCONSPICIOUSLY MAKE HIS MOVES, ALL FOR THE SAKE OF HARIMOTO'S PLAN SUCCESS


PLAY
THIS IS HIS CONVERSATION WITH TANINAKA, FOR EXAMPLE.
YEP... JUST A MINUTE AGO, I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR SOMETHING REALLY BIG
SEEMS LIKE SAMUE'S GROUP AND THE AKIYAMA-KANZAKI DUO HAVE AGREED TO JOIN FORCES IN THIS GAME....
FOR REAL?!
SO DOES THAT MEAN HARIMOTO WILL GO ALONG WITH KANZAKI'S PLAN?!
YEAH.
AND SEEMS LIKE THEY GONNA BOOT OUT ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO GO ALONG WITH 'EM.
THIS IS BAD...
I KNOW, RIGHT? I MYSELF HOPED TO USE THE CHANCE AND SEIZE VICTORY WHILE THE TWO STRONGEST ARE BUSY FIGHTING EACH OTHER... BUT TO THINK THEY'D DECIDE TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER INSTEAD...
ARE YOU SURE ...?
WELL, WANNA DOUBT MY WORDS, GO AHEAD, I DON'T CARE.
STILL, I HAFTA ADMIT KANZAKI HAS A POINT
IF WE ALL GO ALONG WITH THAT BID-RIGGING PLAN OF HERS, MAJORITY OF US WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS GAME WITH A PROFIT

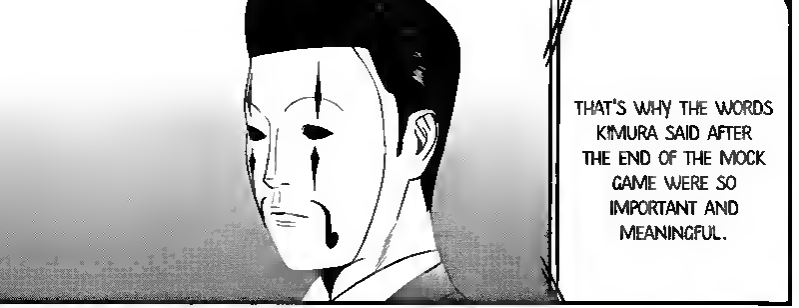
.....
TILL THE LAST MINUTE I THOUGHT I COULD COME UP WITH SOME KINDA PLAN, Y'KNOW, BUT
LOOKS LIKE GOING AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL IS OUTTA QUESTION.
AND IF SAMUE'S GROUP GOES ALONG WITH HER PROPOSITION... HM, YEAH...


YEAH.
'CHOOSE A BIG TREE WHEN YOU WANT SHELTER'* IS HOW THE SAYING GOES, RIGHT?
I CAN'T SEE WHAT I CAN DO AGAINST 'EM, AND WITHOUT A GOOD PLAN IT'S BEST TO JUST GO ALONG WITH 'EM, I GUESS

* A JAPANESE SAYING, BASICALLY MEANS IF YOU NEED PROTECTION, FIND A BIG SHOT AND SERVE HIM FOR YOUR OWN GOOD AND HANDSOME REWARD

I SEE... I HAD NO IDEA CONVERSATIONS LIKE THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE MOCK GAME
▶PLAY
YASUKAWA HAD SIMILAR EXCHANGE WITH THE OTHER PLAYERS AS WELL

I'D SAY AT THE TIME ALL OF THEM HAD THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT SUCH AN UNLIKELY ALLIANCE ACTUALLY COMING INTO BEING.
NO THEY DIDN'T.
BUT DID THE PLAYERS REALLY BELIEVE SO EASILY THAT HARIMOTO AND AKIYAMA JOINED FORCES?

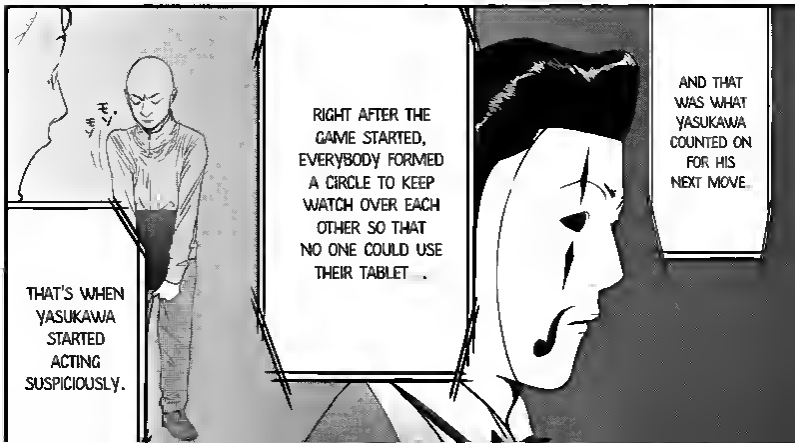

THAT'S WHY THE WORDS KIMURA SAID AFTER THE END OF THE MOCK GAME WERE SO IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL.

HUH?!
WE TEAMED UP WITH KANZAKI-SAN IN SECRET AND ASKED HER NOT TO BID ON KING OF DIAMONDS.
AH...
AAA AAH !!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, KANZAKI-SAN.

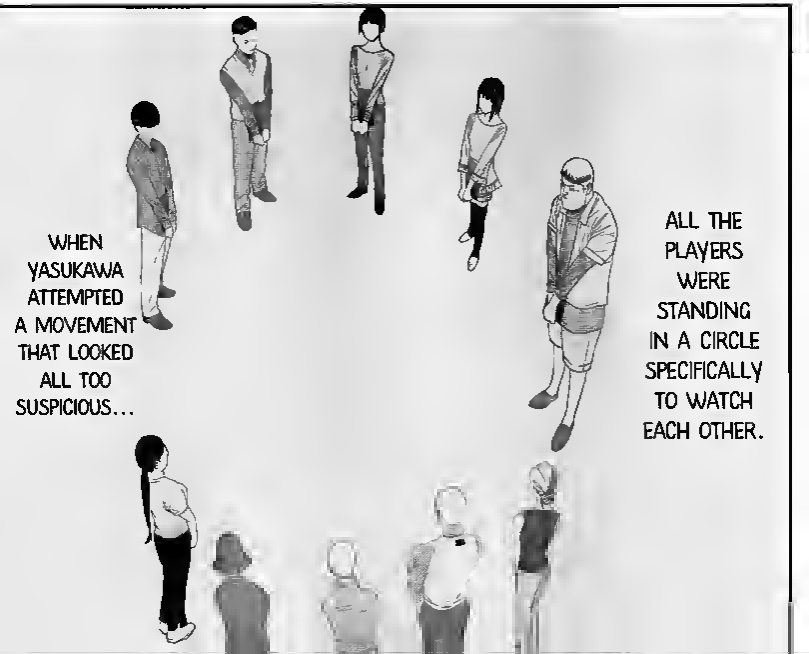
AND THAT'S NOT ALL. THE WORDS YASUKAWA CASUALLY TOSSED IN HIS CONVERATION WITH THEM WERE NOW LADEN WITH DEEP MEANING.
SEE?
INDEED... IF I WERE IN THEIR SHOES, I WOULD BELIEVE IT, TOO, AFTER HEARING KIMURA'S WORDS AT THAT MOMENT ....
AT THAT POINT THE PLAYERS WERE CONVINCED THAT WHAT YASUKAWA SAID ABOUT THE TWO JOINING FORCES WAS TRUE.
THEY WERE ENOUGH TO CLEAR ALL THE DOUBTS THE PLAYERS HAD ABOUT THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN HARIMOTO AND AKIYAMA.

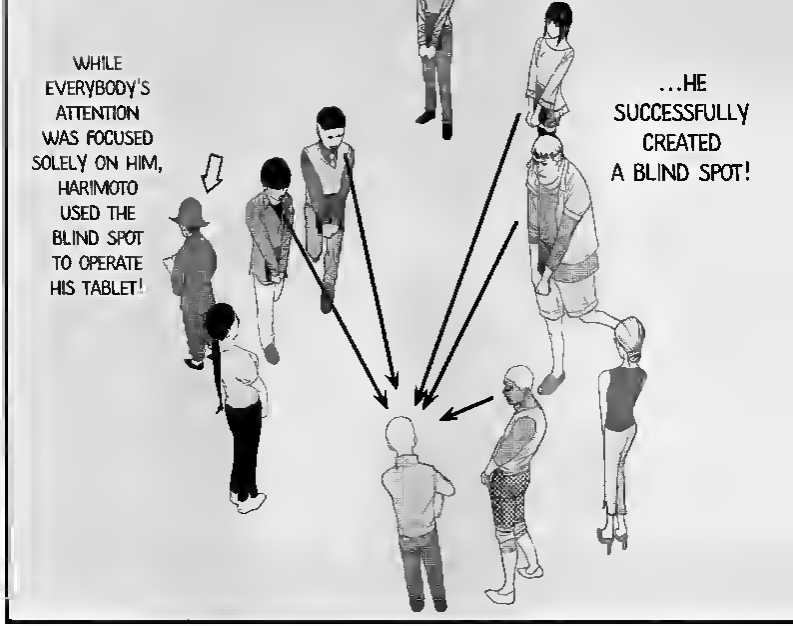
I MEAN THESE WORDS:
GOING AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL IS OUTTA QUESTION...
TILL THE LAST MINUTE I THOUGHT I COULD COME UP WITH SOME KINDA PLAN, Y'KNOW, BUT...

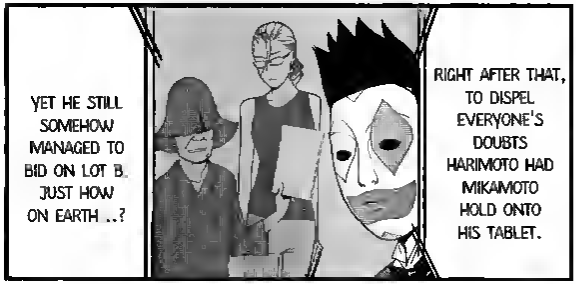
AH?!
AT THAT MOMENT ALL THE PLAYERS REALIZED ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING...
THAT IS, THE POSSIBILITY THAT YASUKAWA COULD BE UP TO NO GOOD AND DECIDE TO TRY SOMETHING.


AND THAT WAS WHAT YASUKAWA COUNTED ON FOR HIS NEXT MOVE.
RIGHT AFTER THE GAME STARTED, EVERYBODY FORMED A CIRCLE TO KEEP WATCH OVER EACH OTHER SO THAT NO ONE COULD USE THEIR TABLET.
THAT'S WHEN YASUKAWA STARTED ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY.

HE DID IT TO DRAW EVERYONE'S ATTENTION TO HIM.
HIS INTENTION IS EASY TO FIGURE OUT.
AND WHY DID HE DO THAT?
AAH.
I GET IT!!!
AAH!
...EVERY-ONE'S ATTEN-TION...?
DRAW ...


WHEN YASUKAWA ATTEMPTED A MOVEMENT THAT LOOKED ALL TOO SUSPICIOUS...
ALL THE PLAYERS WERE STANDING IN A CIRCLE SPECIFICALLY TO WATCH EACH OTHER.


WHILE EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED SOLELY ON HIM, HARIMOTO USED THE BLIND SPOT TO OPERATE HIS TABLET!
...HE SUCCESSFULLY CREATED A BLIND SPOT!

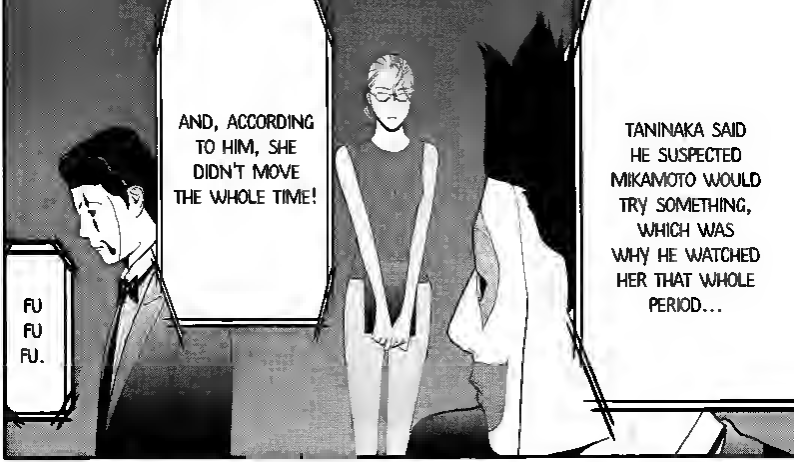

YET HE STILL SOMEHOW MANAGED TO BID ON LOT B. JUST HOW ON EARTH ..?
RIGHT AFTER THAT, TO DISPEL EVERYONE'S DOUBTS HARIMOTO HAD MIKAMOTO HOLD ONTO HIS TABLET.

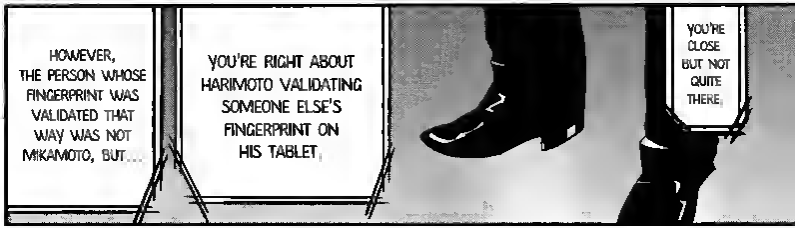
NO, WAIT.
SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP

AH!

IN THE BEGINNING THE OWNER OF A TABLET NEEDS TO REGISTER THEIR FINGERPRINT TO START IT UP. THAT IS, THE TABLET BECOMES UNUSABLE BY ANYONE BUT ITS OWNER, RIGHT...?
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT
HARIMOTO DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO OPERATE HIS TABLET HIMSELF, YOU KNOW.

VALIDATI
...THAT UPON THE FIRST VALIDATION A FINGERPRINT BELONGING TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE OWNER WAS VALIDATED?!
COULD IT BE...
THAT IS, WHEN YASUKAWA DREW EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION TO HIMSELF, IT WAS MIKAMOTO WHO OPERATED HARIMOTO'S TABLET!
THAT MUST BE IT. HARIMOTO AND MIKAMOTO SWITCHED TABLETS. THAT ALLOWED MIKAMOTO TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE HARIMOTO'S TABLET.
NO, STOP THERE'S STILL SOMETHING ODD ABOUT MY THEORY.
YES, THAT'S IT . THAT COULD BE DONE. DURING THE BIDDING ON THE NEXT LOT HARIMOTO'S ANTICS SERVED AS DISTRACTION, ALLOWING MIKAMOTO TO BID ON LOT B USING HIS TABLET.....
NATURALLY, EVERYBODY SUSPECTED IT WAS HARIMOTO WHO USED HIS TABLET SINCE THE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT THE ONE WHO WON LOT A WAS HARIMOTO HOWEVER, HARIMOTO GAVE HIS TABLET TO MIKAMOTO TO CLEAR AWAY THE SUSPICIONS

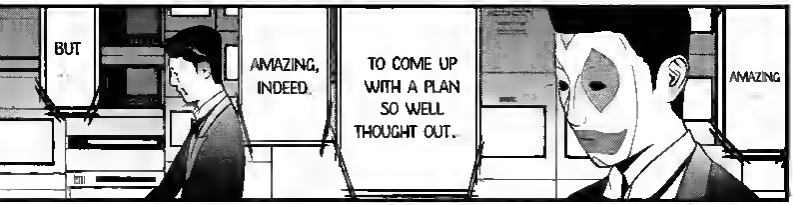

FU FU FU.
AND, ACCORDING TO HIM, SHE DIDN'T MOVE THE WHOLE TIME!
TANINAKA SAID HE SUSPECTED MIKAMOTO WOULD TRY SOMETHING, WHICH WAS WHY HE WATCHED HER THAT WHOLE PERIOD...


HOWEVER, THE PERSON WHOSE FINGERPRINT WAS VALIDATED THAT WAY WAS NOT MIKAMOTO, BUT...
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT HARIMOTO VALIDATING SOMEONE ELSE'S FINGERPRINT ON HIS TABLET.
YOU'RE CLOSE BUT NOT QUITE THERE.

HARIMOTO FORESAW THAT THE ONE WHO WOULD HOLD HIS TABLET WOULD INEVITABLY FALL UNDER SUSPICION
KIMURA

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIDDING PERIOD, WITH HARIMOTO DOING HIS SUSPICIOUS BODY MOVEMENTS, MIKAMOTO, WHO WAS HOLDING TWO TABLETS, WAS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.

AND AFTERWARDS HARIMOTO PUT ON A SHOW, CLAIMING THAT THE WHOLE THING WAS HIS "SPIRIT'S DOING".
THE ONE WHO OPERATED HARIMOTO'S TABLE WAS NONE OTHER THAN KIMURA.


BUT
AMAZING, INDEED.
TO COME UP WITH A PLAN SO WELL THOUGHT OUT.
AMAZING

THIS MAN WHO CAUGHT ON TO THE TRICK AFTER JUST ONE BIDDING PERIOD IS NO LESS NOTEWORTHY.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
WHEN DID HE MANAGE ...?
AH, YES! AKIYAMA!

THE MOMENT WHEN HARIMOTO'S STRANGE MOVEMENTS DREW THE PLAYERS' ATTENTION, AND KIMURA WAS PLACING THE BID USING HARIMOTO'S TABLET...

THIS IS THE PREVIOUS BIDDING PERIOD,

AH!!!

AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED A COUPLE OF SECONDS AFTER THAT.

IF AKIYAMA HADN'T SEEN THROUGH THE TRICK THAT FAST, THE LOTS WOULD HAVE FALLEN INTO HARIMOTO'S HANDS ONE AFTER ANOTHER

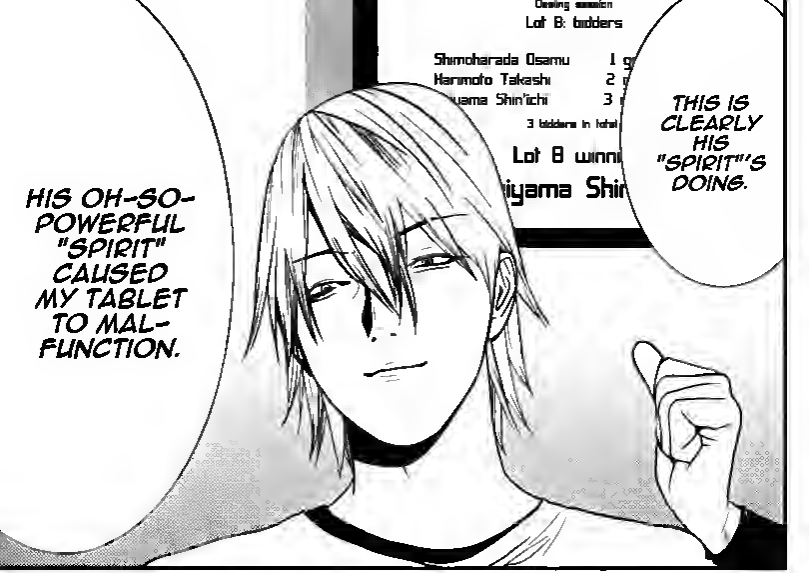
HE MOVED FORWARD INTO THE PLAYERS' BLIND SPOT AND QUICKLY PLACED HIS BID! MARVELOUS...!

KUKUKU... HE REALLY BRINGS SOME HIGH QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT TO THE TABLE, DON'T YOU AGREE?

THAT MAN, AKIYAMA....

AKIYAMA SHIN'ICHI-SAN!
THUS, THE LOT 'B' WINNER IS...
BECAUSE IF HE DOESN'T, ALL OF THE PLAYERS WILL START BLAMING HIM INSTEAD..
HE'LL EXPOSE HARIMOTO'S LIES.
IT'S OBVIOUS
WHAT IS AKIYAMA GOING TO DO NOW?
HUH...
WHAT DID I DO,
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO?! EXPLAIN YOURSELF, THIS INSTANCE!!!
HEY, AKIYAMA!!! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, HUH?!

NOTHING.
!?
HUH?!
!?
Ending sermon
Lot B: bakkers
Shimabarashi Daisuke 1 gold coin
Kawasaki Takeshi 2 gold coins
Nagano Shin'ichi 3 gold coins
3 bakkers = total
Lot A winner
Akiyama Shin'ichi
THIS'S NO 'NOTHING', DAMMIT!!!
IF YOU DID NOTHING, WHAT'S THIS, THEN, HUH?!
AAAH... HONESTLY, YOU GUYS.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR A THING OF WHAT HARIMOTO WAS PROFESSING ABOUT THE WHOLE TIME?
!?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Shimoharada Osamu 1 g
Harimoto Takashi 2
uama Shin'ichi 3
3 bidders in total
Lot 8 winni
iiyama Shi
THIS IS CLEARLY HIS "SPIRIT"'S DOING.
HIS OH-SO-POWERFUL "SPIRIT" CAUSED MY TABLET TO MAL-FUNCTION.

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AS WE'VE JUST CONFIRMED, THAT "SPIRIT" OF HIS WILL CONTINUE FROLICKING LIKE THIS IF IT'S LEFT TO ITS OWN DEVICES
SO, HARIMOTO. AND ALL OF YOU, TOO
Y-
YEAH
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, EH, HARIMOTO-OOO?
!?
HUH?!

SO... TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE HIS "SPIRIT" DOESN'T REACH HERE AND STAYS AWAY FROM BIDDING...
...HOW ABOUT WE HAVE HARIMOTO CONFINE HIMSELF TO THE FARTHEST TOILET OF THIS BUILDING?
COUNTERATTACK, START!!!

!!!
!!!

BHAA HAHA HA!!!
BFU...
OOH!!!
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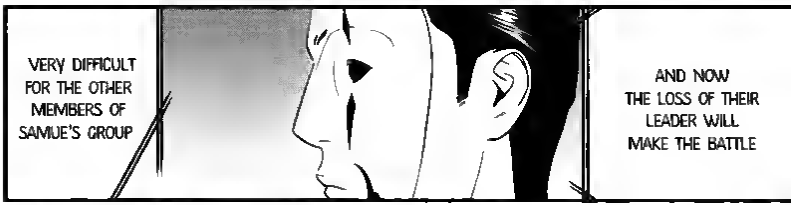
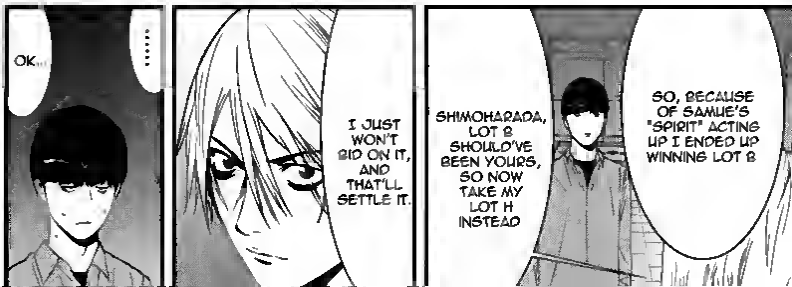
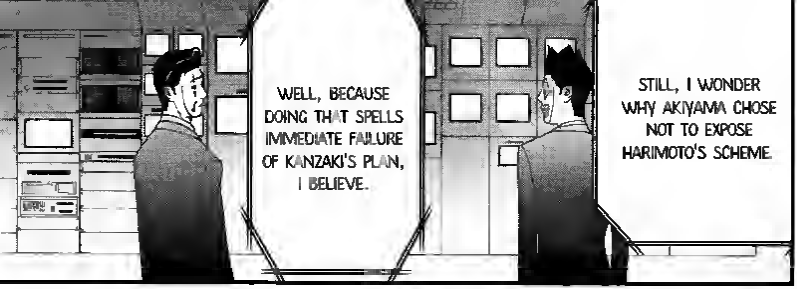
SO HOW ABOUT WE HAVE HARIMOTO SHUT HIMSELF UP IN THE FARTHEST TOILET OF THIS BUILDING?
THIS IS WHAT HIS "SPIRIT" IS DOING AND WILL KEEP DOING...
!!
!!
IT'S AKIYAMA'S TURN!
Y-
YEAH
LACK OF UNEXPECTED BIDS IN THE NEXT PERIOD AFTER WE HAVE ISOLATED YOU WILL PROVE TO US ALL THAT EVERYTHING WAS INDEED YOUR "SPIRIT"'S DOING.
I TRUST YOU HAVE NOTHING AGAINST MY PROPOSITION, DO YOU, HARIMOTO?
EH? NO, WAIT, ACTUALLY I...

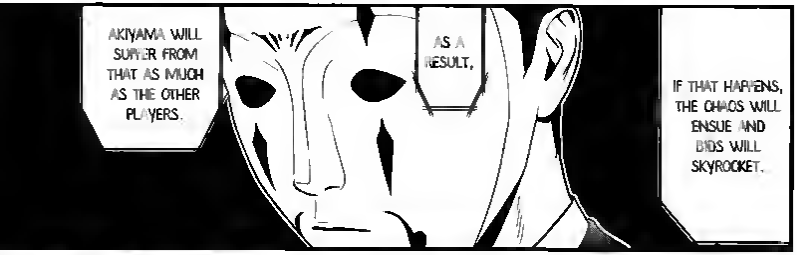
I'M AMAZED HOW HE AVOIDED GETTING BLAMED BY CONFIRMING AND SUBSEQUENTLY TURNING HARIMOTO'S OWN WORDS AGAINST HIM!
WHAT A SMART MOVE!

BECAUSE AKIYAMA DIDN'T DISPROVE A WORD OF THE LIES HARIMOTO'S BEEN TELLING. KUKUKU.
THE FUNNY THING IS THAT HARIMOTO IS IN NO POSITION TO REFUSE AKIYAMA'S SUGGESTION,
AND HE'S EVEN SUCCEEDED IN MAKING HARIMOTO, THE ONE IN CHARGE OF HIS GROUP'S STRATEGY, LEAVE

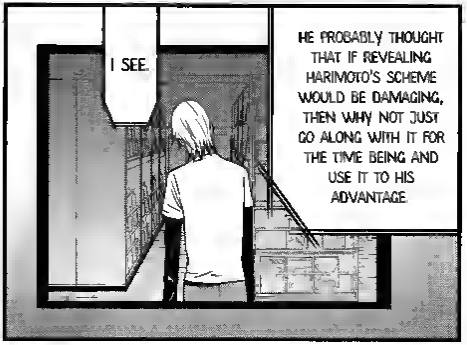

VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF SAMUE'S GROUP
AND NOW THE LOSS OF THEIR LEADER WILL MAKE THE BATTLE


OK...
.....
I JUST WON'T BID ON IT, AND THAT'LL SETTLE IT.
SHIMOHARADA, LOT 8 SHOULD'VE BEEN YOURS, SO NOW TAKE MY LOT H INSTEAD
SO, BECAUSE OF SAMUE'S "SPIRIT" ACTING UP I ENDED UP WINNING LOT 8

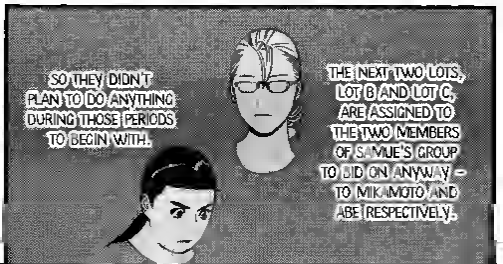

WELL, BECAUSE DOING THAT SPELLS IMMEDIATE FAILURE OF KANZAKI'S PLAN, I BELIEVE.
STILL, I WONDER WHY AKIYAMA CHOSE NOT TO EXPOSE HARIMOTO'S SCHEME.


AKIYAMA WILL SUFFER FROM THAT AS MUCH AS THE OTHER PLAYERS.
AS A RESULT,
IF THAT HAPPENS, THE CHAOS WILL ENSUE AND BIDS WILL SKYROCKET.

THEN THE NEXT THING I WONDER IS WHAT SAMUE'S GROUP WILL DO NOW.
THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING FOR A WHILE.

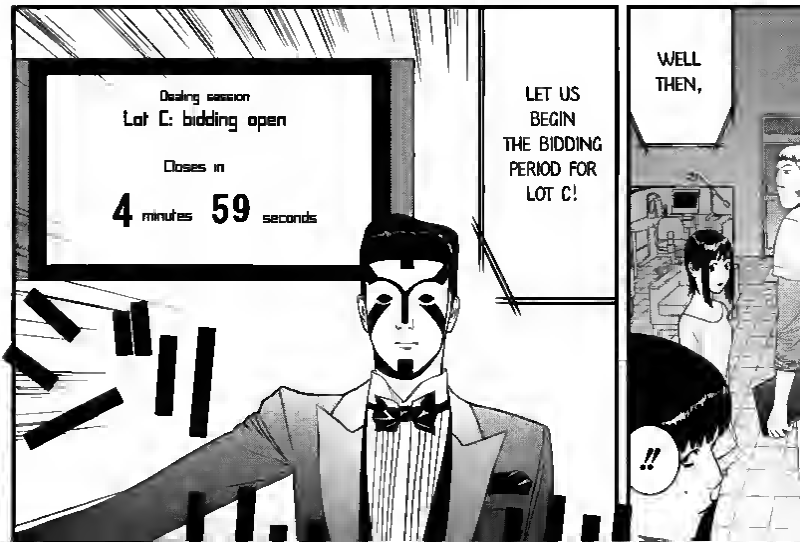

I SEE.
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT IF REVEALING HARIMOTO'S SCHEME WOULD BE DAMAGING, THEN WHY NOT JUST GO ALONG WITH IT FOR THE TIME BEING AND USE IT TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

BECAUSE LOT E IS ASSIGNED TO KIMURA.
THE PROBLEM COMES AFTER THAT.


SO THEY DIDN'T PLAN TO DO ANYTHING DURING THOSE PERIODS TO BEGIN WITH.
THE NEXT TWO LOTS, LOT B AND LOT C, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE TWO MEMBERS OF SAMUE'S GROUP TO BID ON ANYWAY – TO MIKAMOTO AND ABE RESPECTIVELY.

SO IF SHE DOES MAKE IT, THE DECEPTION SAMUE'S GROUP SET UP WILL IMMEDIATELY COME TO LIGHT.
THE TABLET KIMURA HAS AT THE MOMENT IS HARIMOTO'S. THAT IS, ANY BID SHE MAKES USING THAT TABLET GETS REGISTERED UNDER HARIMOTO'S NAME.

AND WHERE AND WHEN AKIYAMA DECIDES TO STRIKE AGAIN?
NOW, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SAMUE'S FOLLOWERS?


Dealing session
Lot C: bidding open
Closes in
4 minutes 59 seconds
LET US BEGIN THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT C!
WELL THEN,
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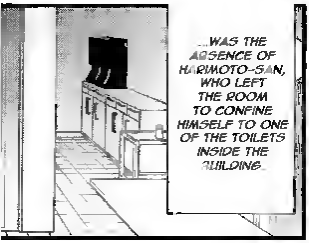
LIKE BEFORE, WE ALL TOOK OUR POSITIONS, HOLDING OUR TABLETS UPSIDE DOWN AND STANDING IN A CIRCLE TO WATCH EACH OTHER


...WAS THE ABSENCE OF HARIMOTO-SAN, WHO LEFT THE ROOM TO CONFINE HIMSELF TO ONE OF THE TOILETS INSIDE THE BUILDING.

THE ONLY THING THAT DIFFERED FROM THE PREVIOUS PERIODS...

IT'S HARDER THAN I THOUGHT TO INPUT ANYTHING WITH TWO TABLETS OCCUPYING MY HANDS KIMURA-SAN, COULD YOU PLEASE HOLD ONE FOR ME?
OF COURSE.

AH...

MIKAMOTO-SAN WAS ABOUT TO BID ON LOT C, WHEN...

NO DICE.
!!
THERE'S NOTHING DIFFICULT ABOUT INPUTTING YOUR BID WHILE HOLDING TWO TABLETS.
.....
.....
LET'S ALL RESPECT IT, NO EXCEP-TIONS
WE'VE AGREED UPON THE RULE THAT ONLY THE BIDDER IS ALLOWED NOT TO STAND IN THIS POSE
AND SO
AFTER THAT SMALL OCCURENCE NO ONE MADE ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVES TILL THE END OF THE PERIOD.
.....
KU KU

Dealing session

Lot C: bidders

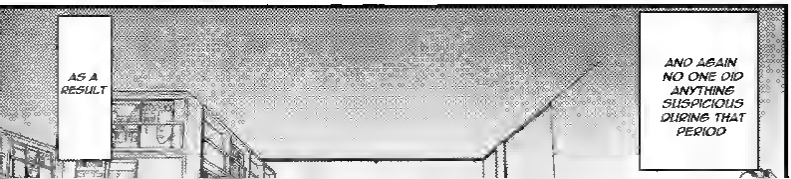
Mikamoto Mika 1 gold coin

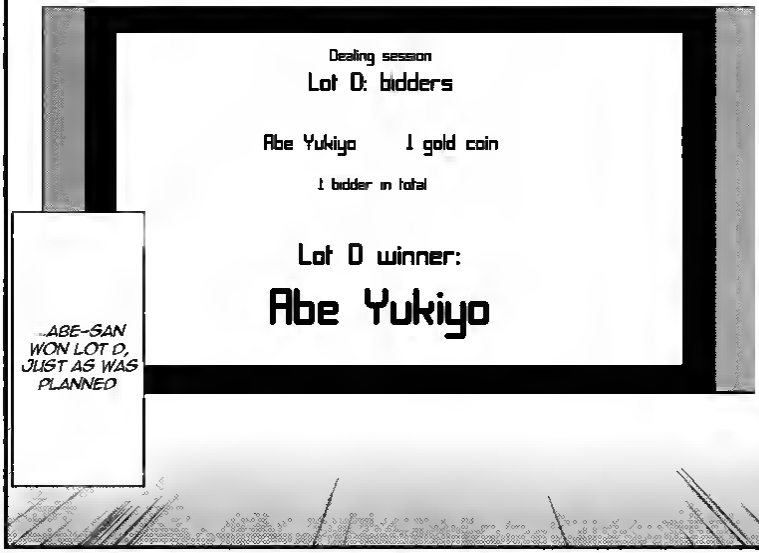
1 bidder in total

Lot C winner:

Mikamoto Mika

...FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE START OF THE REAL GAME EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, AND MIKAMOTO-SAN WON LOT C

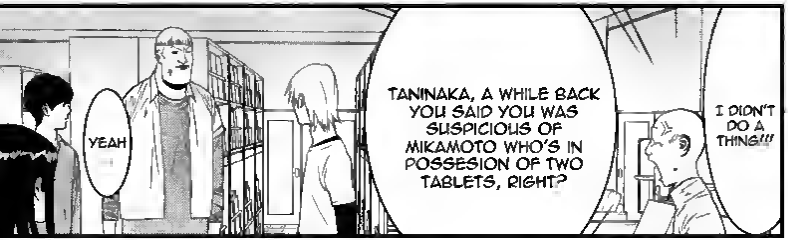



Dealing session
Lot D: bidders
Abe Yukiyo 1 gold coin
1 bidder in total
Lot D winner:
Abe Yukiyo
...ABE-SAN WON LOT D, JUST AS WAS PLANNED

Dealing session
Lot E: bidding open
Closes in
4 minutes 59 seconds
OUR NEXT LOT IS LOT E, AND THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR IT IS NOW OPENED!

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO SAY FIRST.
HOLD IT.
EVERYBODY, LET US STAND IN A CIRCLE ONCE MORE

HUH?!
YASUKAWA TRIED TO PULL SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS AGAIN DURING THE PREVIOUS BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT D.


YEAH
TANINAKA, A WHILE BACK YOU SAID YOU WAS SUSPICIOUS OF MIKAMOTO WHO'S IN POSSESION OF TWO TABLETS, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T DO A THING!!!

WHAT YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT OR SOMETHING?
NO
KU KU.
!?
THEN LET'S STAND IN A WAY SO THAT WE ALL COULD HAVE THESE TWO FISHY INDIVIDUALS UNDER OUR UNABATED SURVEILLANCE

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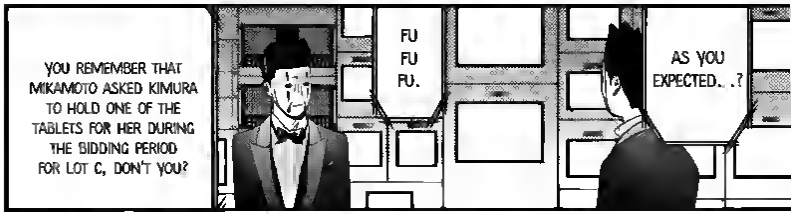
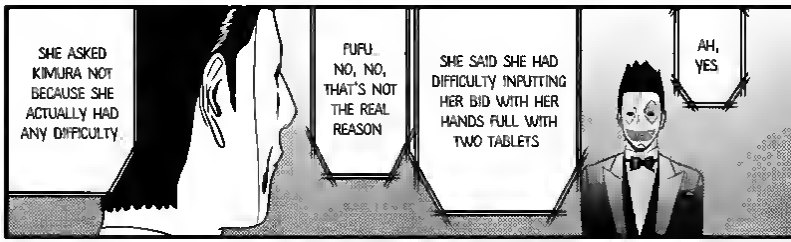
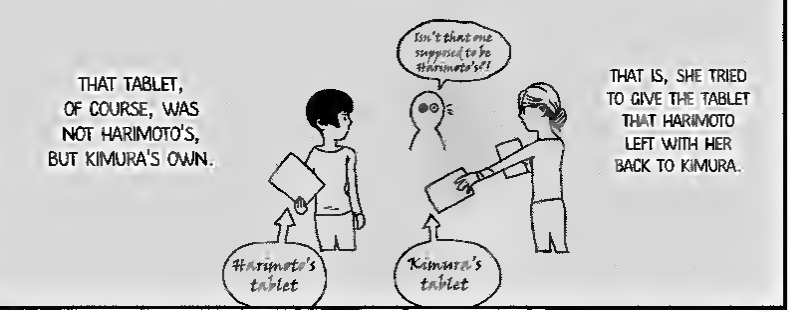
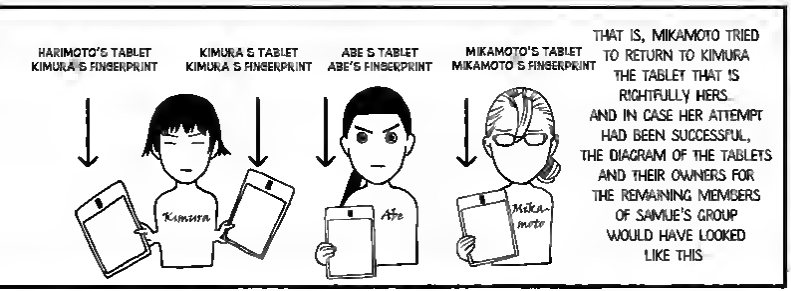
AS I EXPECTED, THIS IS WHERE AKIYAMA MAKES HIS NEXT MOVE.


YOU REMEMBER THAT MIKAMOTO ASKED KIMURA TO HOLD ONE OF THE TABLETS FOR HER DURING THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT C, DON'T YOU?
FU FU FU.
AS YOU EXPECTED...?


SHE ASKED KIMURA NOT BECAUSE SHE ACTUALLY HAD ANY DIFFICULTY.
FUFU... NO, NO, THAT'S NOT THE REAL REASON
SHE SAID SHE HAD DIFFICULTY INPUTTING HER BID WITH HER HANDS FULL WITH TWO TABLETS
AH, YES

MIKAMOTO TRIED TO RETURN KIMURA HER TABLET.
AT THAT TIME


THAT TABLET, OF COURSE, WAS NOT HARIMOTO'S, BUT KIMURA'S OWN.
Isn't that me supposed to be Harimoto's?!
THAT IS, SHE TRIED TO GIVE THE TABLET THAT HARIMOTO LEFT WITH HER BACK TO KIMURA.
Harimoto's tablet
Kimura's tablet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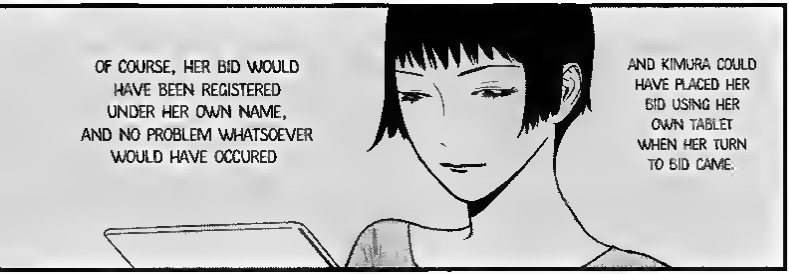
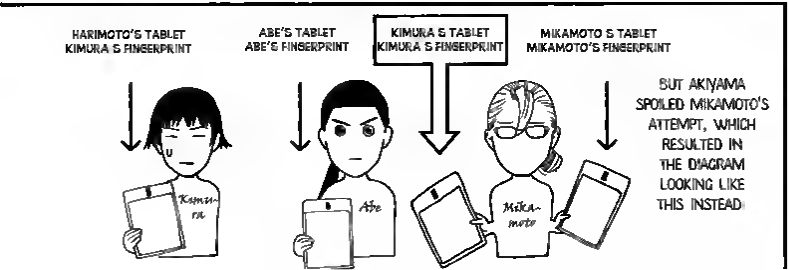
ABE'S TABLET ABE'S FINGERPRINT
MIKAMOTO'S TABLET MIKAMOTO'S FINGERPRINT
Kimura
Abe
Mika-moto
THAT IS, MIKAMOTO TRIED TO RETURN TO KIMURA THE TABLET THAT IS RIGHTFULLY HERS. AND IN CASE HER ATTEMPT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE DIAGRAM OF THE TABLETS AND THEIR OWNERS FOR THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF SAMUE'S GROUP WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE THIS


OF COURSE, HER BID WOULD HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER HER OWN NAME, AND NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER WOULD HAVE OCCURED
AND KIMURA COULD HAVE PLACED HER BID USING HER OWN TABLET WHEN HER TURN TO BID CAME.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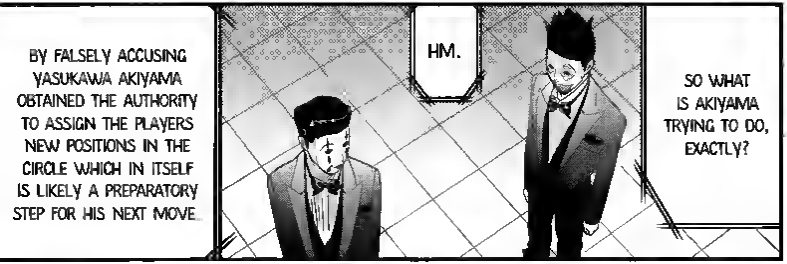
Kimu-ra
Abe
Mika-moto
BUT AKIYAMA SPOILED MIKAMOTO'S ATTEMPT, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DIAGRAM LOOKING LIKE THIS INSTEAD.

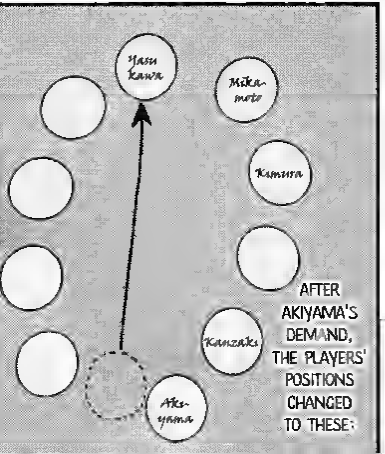
AAH!
RIGHT NOW, KIMURA CAN ONLY BID UNDER HARIMOTO'S NAME AND NOT HER OWN!
AND AKIYAMA, WHO IS WELL AWARE OF HER PREDICAMENT...
...CHOSE THIS MOMENT TO STRIKE!!!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

HUH?!
YASUKAWA TRIED TO DO SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS DURING THE PREVIOUS BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT D
WHAT AKIYAMA SAID AT THE START OF THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT E WAS VITAL.

WE'LL THEN USE THE RESULTING MOMENTARY LAPSE IN THEIR FOCUS TO SWITCH THE TABLETS
ONCE THE BIDDING PERIOD STARTS, LET'S HAVE YASUKAWA ACT SUSPICIOUSLY AND DRAW EVERYONE'S ATTENTION ONCE MORE
KIMURA AND MIKAMOTO PROBABLY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS

HE LEFT KIMURA NO CHOICE BUT TO BID UNDER HARIMOTO'S NAME.
AKIYAMA ANTICIPATED THAT COURSE OF ACTION AND CRUSHED THE POSSIBILITY IN THE BUD!


BY FALSELY ACCUSING YASUKAWA AKIYAMA OBTAINED THE AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN THE PLAYERS NEW POSITIONS IN THE CIRCLE WHICH IN ITSELF IS LIKELY A PREPARATORY STEP FOR HIS NEXT MOVE.
HM.
SO WHAT IS AKIYAMA TRYING TO DO, EXACTLY?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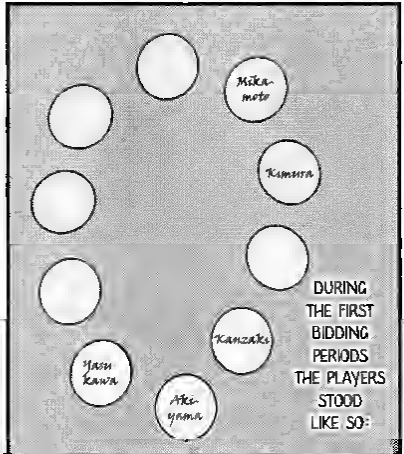
AFTER AKIYAMA'S DEMAND, THE PLAYERS' POSITIONS CHANGED TO THESE: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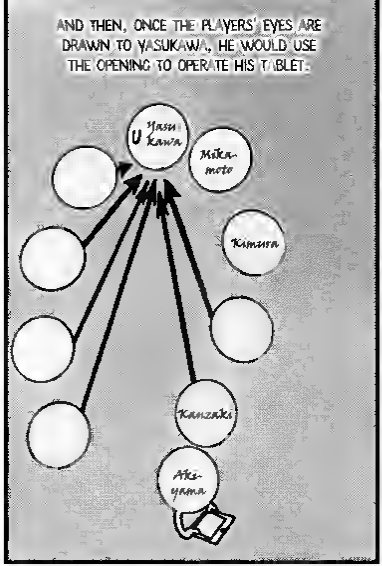
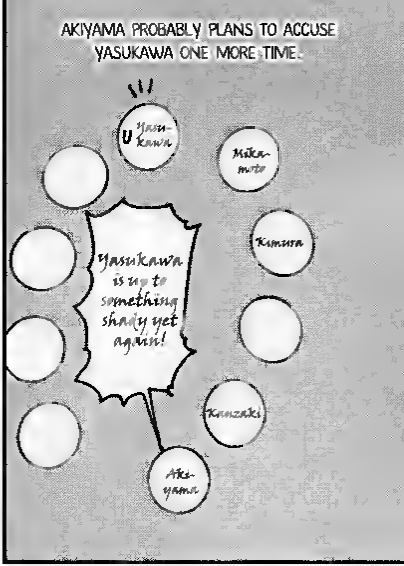
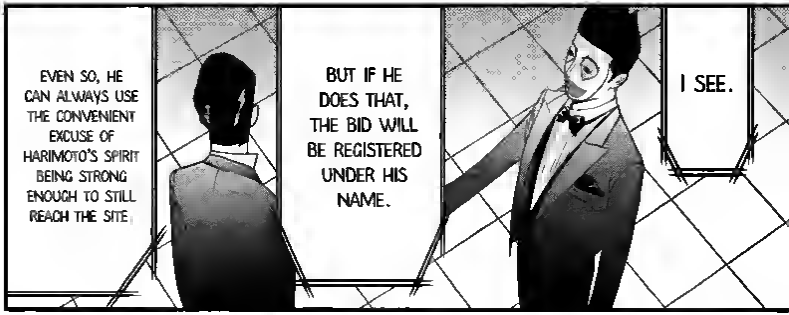
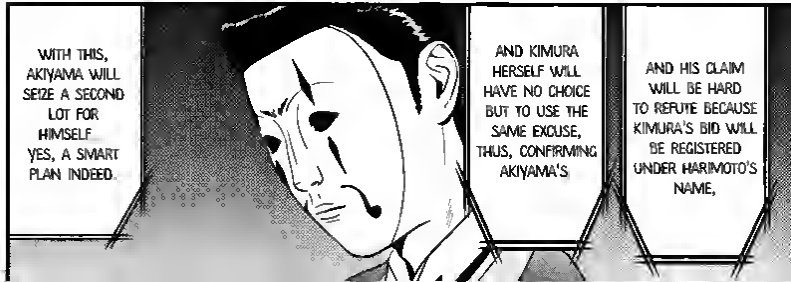
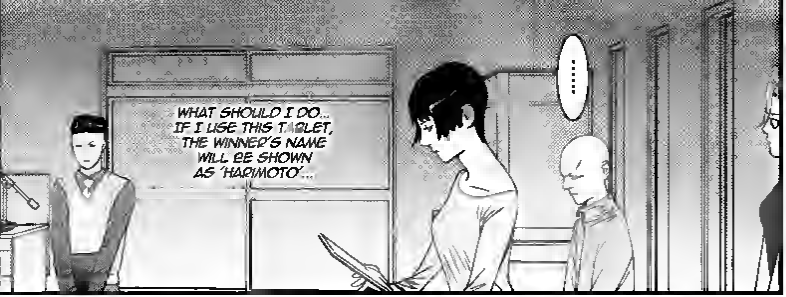
DURING THE FIRST BIDDING PERIODS THE PLAYERS STOOD LIKE SO:


AND THEN, ONCE THE PLAYERS' EYES ARE DRAWN TO YASUKAWA, HE WOULD USE THE OPENING TO OPERATE HIS TABLET.
Yasu-kawa
Mika-moto
Kamura
Kanzaki
Aki-yama


AKIYAMA PROBABLY PLANS TO ACCUSE YASUKAWA ONE MORE TIME.
Yasu-kawa
Mika-moto
Yasukawa is up to something shady yet again!
Kamura
Kanzaki
Aki-yama


EVEN SO, HE CAN ALWAYS USE THE CONVENIENT EXCUSE OF HARIMOTO'S SPIRIT BEING STRONG ENOUGH TO STILL REACH THE SITE.
BUT IF HE DOES THAT, THE BID WILL BE REGISTERED UNDER HIS NAME.
I SEE.


WITH THIS, AKIYAMA WILL SEIZE A SECOND LOT FOR HIMSELF. YES, A SMART PLAN INDEED.
AND KIMURA HERSELF WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE SAME EXCUSE, THUS, CONFIRMING AKIYAMA'S.
AND HIS CLAIM WILL BE HARD TO REFUTE BECAUSE KIMURA'S BID WILL BE REGISTERED UNDER HARIMOTO'S NAME.


WHAT SHOULD I DO... IF I USE THIS TABLET, THE WINNER'S NAME WILL BE SHOWN AS 'HARIMOTO'...
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WE ABOUT HIT THE LIMIT OF TIMES THAT TALE CAN WORK, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE OTHER OPTIONS RIGHT NOW
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE I'LL HAVE TO PRETEND THAT THE SPIRIT IS SO STRONG THAT IT CAN STILL REACH HERE AND AFFECT ELECTRONIC DEVICES

AND WHILE THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE ALL LOOKING AT YASUKAWA, HE MIGHT TRY USE THAT AND PLACE HIS BID
THE PROBLEM HERE IS AKIYAMA... I'M SURE THAT MAN WILL TRY TO ACCUSE YASUKAWA AGAIN

COUGH COUGH
コンコン
GLANCE
チラッ
I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO PREVENT THAT FROM HAPPENING

TRYING TO PULL A FAST one ON US?!
HEY, AKIYAMA! WHATCHA DOING?!
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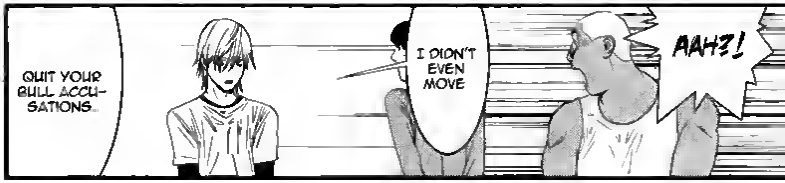
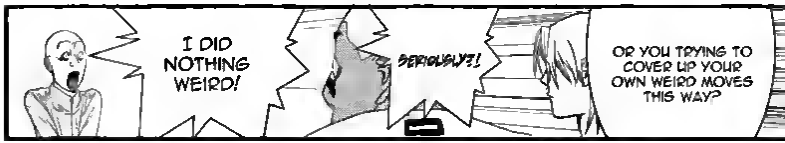
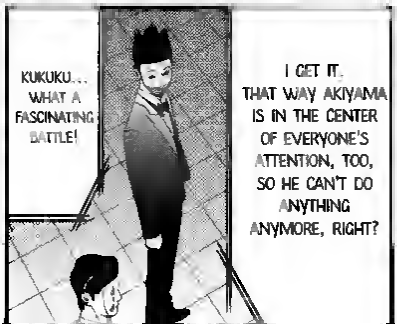

QUIT YOUR DULL ACCUSATIONS.
I DIDN'T EVEN MOVE
AAH?!

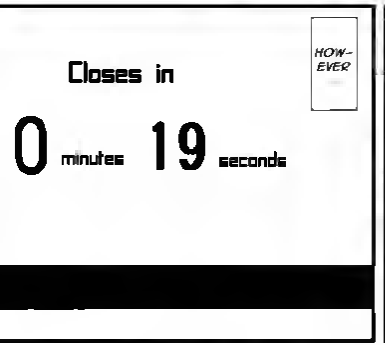

I DID NOTHING WEIRD!
SERIOUSLY?!
OR YOU TRYING TO COVER UP YOUR OWN WEIRD MOVES THIS WAY?


KUKUKU... WHAT A FASCINATING BATTLE!
I GET IT. THAT WAY AKIYAMA IS IN THE CENTER OF EVERYONE'S ATTENTION, TOO, SO HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE, RIGHT?

KIMURA HAD YASUKAWA ACCUSE AKIYAMA BEFORE HE HAD A CHANCE!
NICE ONE!

NOW, AKIYAMA WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS MOVE.
FUFU...

IT'S UNDER THE NAME 'HARIMOTO', BUT WHATEVER.
OK, I'M FINISHED PLACING MY BID...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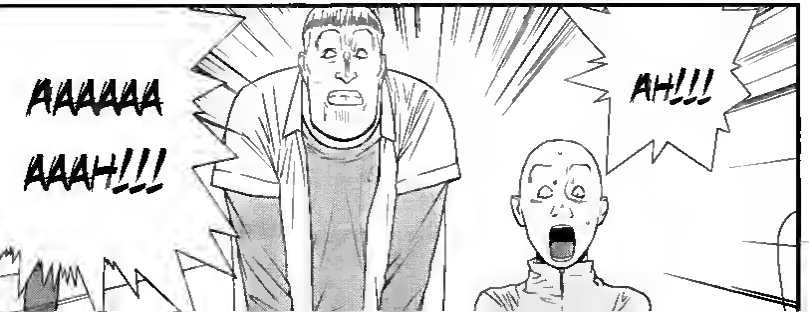
HOW-EVER

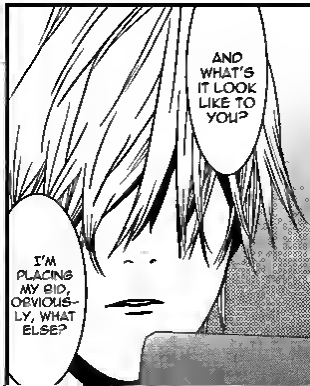
I STILL THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FINISH IT SAFELY
ALTHOUGH WE HAD SOME TROUBLE HALFWAY THROUGH THE PERIOD,


AAAAAA AAAH!!!
AH!!!

AKIYAMA! YOU BASTARD, WHAT THE HELL D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
A BOLD OFFENSE!!

WHA AAAA AA?!

AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAH?!!
[LIAR GAME]
END


AND WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
I'M PLACING MY BID, OBVIOUSLY, WHAT ELSE?

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WILL YOU STILL BE ABLE TO BELIEVE IN PEOPLE AFTER GETTING BETRAYED, NAO?

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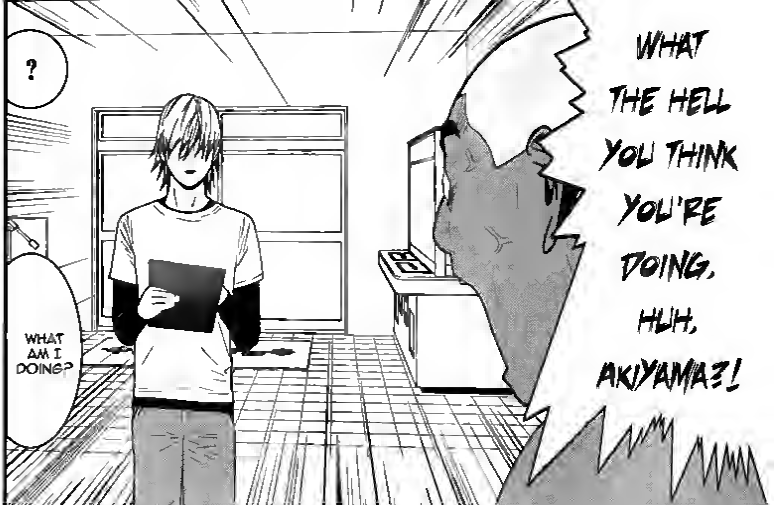
?
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT THE HELL YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, HUH, AKIYAMA?!
CASUALLY COMMITING A BOLD OFFENSE?!

PLACING MY BID OBVIOUSLY

HUUUUU UUUH?!

Lot E bidding CLOSED
THE TIME IS UP!!!
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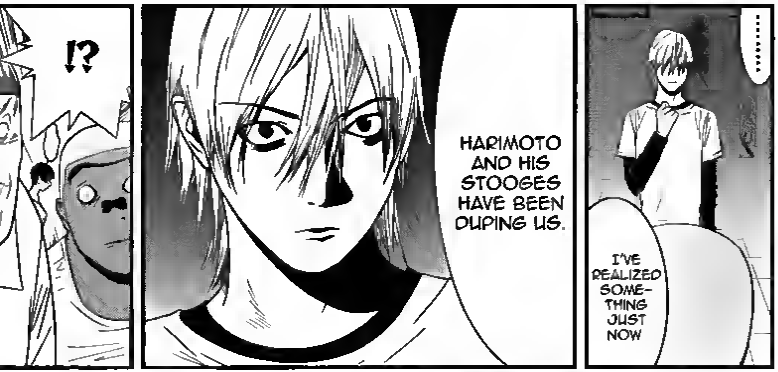
AKIYA-MAAA-AAA!!!
DON'T DO IT!
YOU ONLY INCUR A PENALTY THIS WAY!

EXPLAIN YOURSELF
WHY?
WHY DID YOU MAKE A BID ALL OF A SUDDEN?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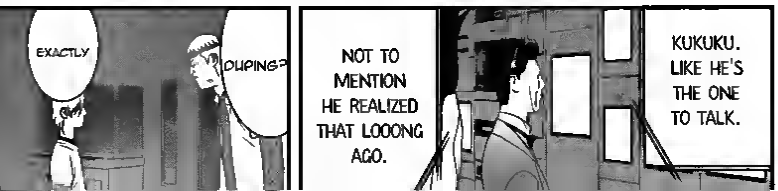
I'VE REALIZED SOME-THING JUST NOW
HARIMOTO AND HIS STOOGES HAVE BEEN DUPING US.
!?


KUKUKU. LIKE HE'S THE ONE TO TALK.
NOT TO MENTION HE REALIZED THAT LOOONG AGO.
DUPING?
EXACTLY

KANZAKI SUGGESTED EVERYBODY PRESENT COOPERATE AND GET ONE LOT PER ONE PERSON FOR 1 COIN.
AND THE ONES WHO WERE THE MOST SUPPORTIVE OF THE PLAN SEEMED TO BE SAMUE AND HIS GROUP... BUT IN REALITY...

THEY WERE ANYTHING BUT.
"SPIRIT'S DOINGS"? THAT'S JUST A SHAM!!!

!?
QUIET PLEASE!
IT'S NOT A SHAM!
IT'S
!?

I AM ASKING YOU TO BE QUIET!
THE NAMES OF THE BIDDERS AND THE LOT WINNER ARE ABOUT TO BE REVEALED!
I'LL MAKE A PREDICTION
OH YEAH, HOW ABOUT THIS?
ATTENTION TO THE FRONT MONITOR!
IT'LL BE ME AND HARIMOTO INSTEAD
IF I'M RIGHT AND SAMUE'S GROUP HAS REALLY BEEN DUPING US, THEN IT WON'T BE ME AND KIMURA ON THE LIST OF THE BIDDERS.
!!
!!

Dealing session

Lot E: bidders

Harimoto Takashi	1 gold coins
Akiyama Shin'ichi	2 gold coins

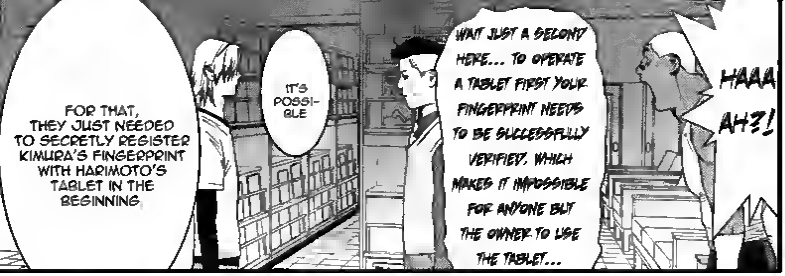
2 bidders in total

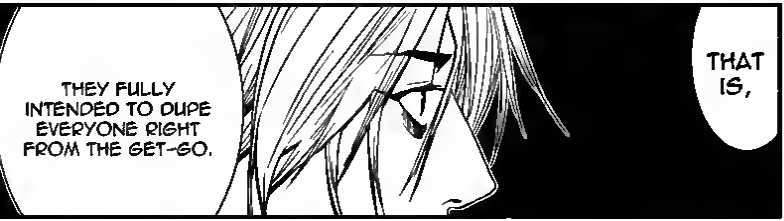
Lot E winner:

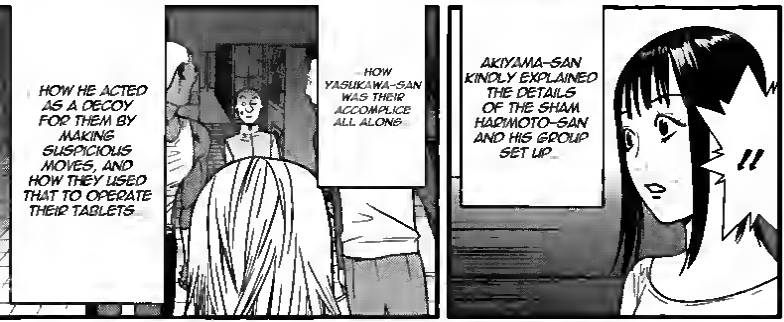
Akiyama Shin'ichi

Harimoto Takashi

Akiyama Shin'ichi


HAAA AH?!
WHAT JUST A SECOND? HERE... TO OPERATE A TABLET FIRST YOUR FINGERPRINT NEEDS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY VERIFIED. WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE BUT THE OWNER TO USE THE TABLET...
IT'S POSSI-BLE
FOR THAT, THEY JUST NEEDED TO SECRETLY REGISTER KIMURA'S FINGERPRINT WITH HARIMOTO'S TABLET IN THE BEGINNING


THAT IS,
THEY FULLY INTENDED TO DUPE EVERYONE RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.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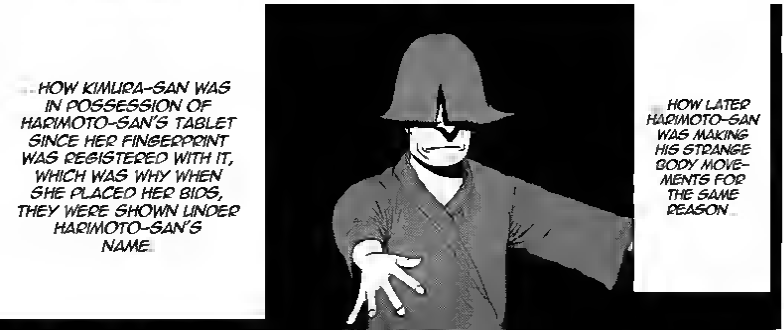
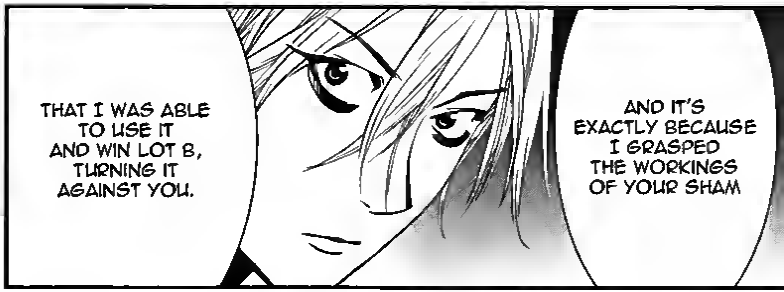
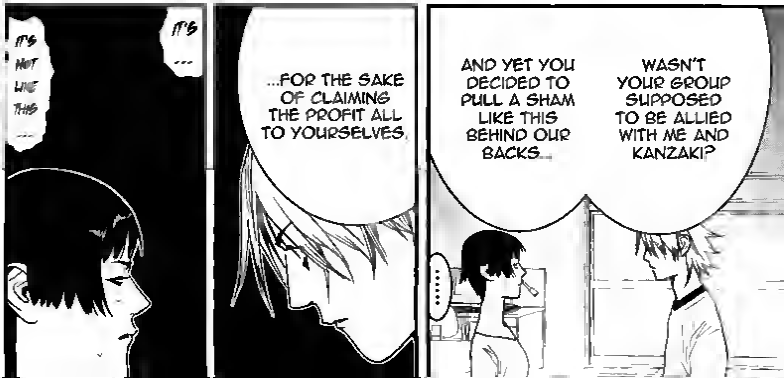
AKIYAMA-SAN KINDLY EXPLAINED THE DETAILS OF THE SHAM HARIMOTO-SAN AND HIS GROUP SET UP.
...HOW YASUKAWA-SAN WAS THEIR ACCOMPLICE ALL ALONG.
HOW HE ACTED AS A DECOY FOR THEM BY MAKING SUSPICIOUS MOVES, AND HOW THEY USED THAT TO OPERATE THEIR TABLETS.


...HOW KIMURA-SAN WAS IN POSSESSION OF HARIMOTO-SAN'S TABLET SINCE HER FINGERPRINT WAS REGISTERED WITH IT, WHICH WAS WHY WHEN SHE PLACED HER BIDS, THEY WERE SHOWN UNDER HARIMOTO-SAN'S NAME.
HOW LATER HARIMOTO-SAN WAS MAKING HIS STRANGE BODY MOVE-MENTS FOR THE SAME REASON.

IT'S NOT SPECULATION
ALL THESE TALKS ARE JUST SLANDER! NOTHING MORE THAN GROUNDLESS SPECULATION!
NO!

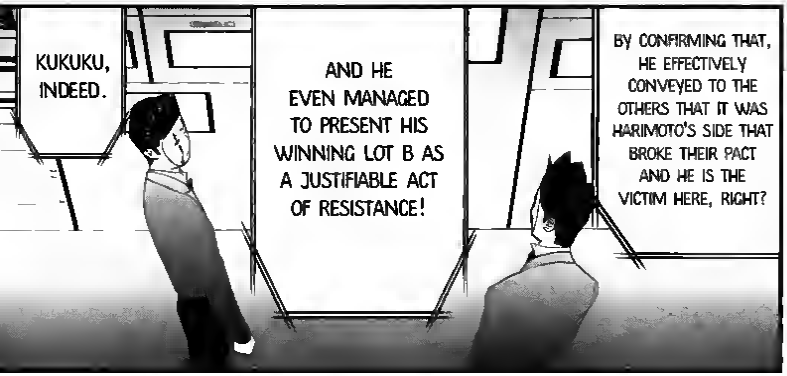

THAT I WAS ABLE TO USE IT AND WIN LOT B, TURNING IT AGAINST YOU.
AND IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE I GRASPED THE WORKINGS OF YOUR SHAM

UGH...


IT'S NOT LIKE THIS...
IT'S...
...FOR THE SAKE OF CLAIMING THE PROFIT ALL TO YOURSELVES.
AND YET YOU DECIDED TO PULL A SHAM LIKE THIS BEHIND OUR BACKS...
WASN'T YOUR GROUP SUPPOSED TO BE ALLIED WITH ME AND KANZAKI?
.....

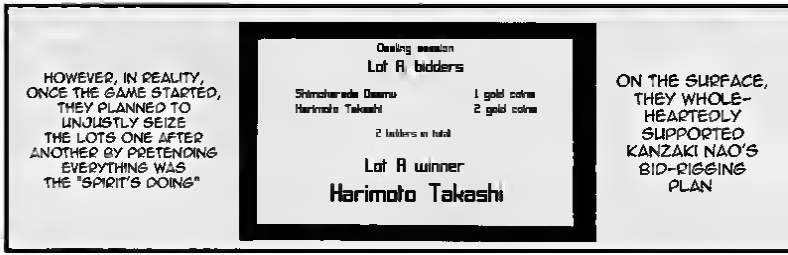
AKIYAMA REALLY IS SOMETHING.
KU KU KU.

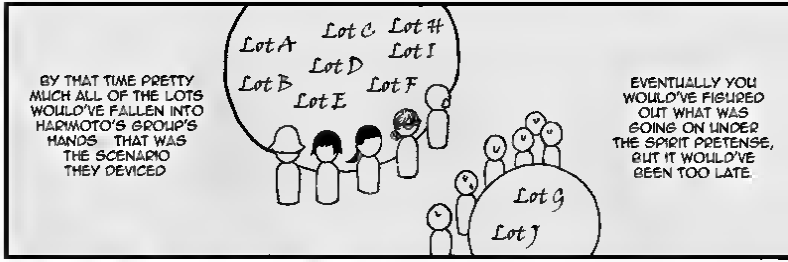
HIS JOINING FORCES WITH HARIMOTO'S GROUP WAS THE ONLY LIE HE CONFIRMED AND USED TO HIS ADVANTAGE.
CONTRARY TO MY EXPECTATIONS, AKIYAMA EXPOSED THE TRICK AND ALL THE LIES OF SAMUE'S GROUP.

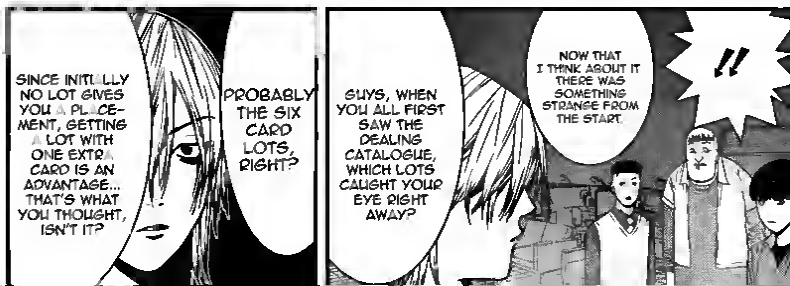

KUKUKU, INDEED.
AND HE EVEN MANAGED TO PRESENT HIS WINNING LOT B AS A JUSTIFIABLE ACT OF RESISTANCE!
BY CONFIRMING THAT, HE EFFECTIVELY CONVEYED TO THE OTHERS THAT IT WAS HARIMOTO'S SIDE THAT BROKE THEIR PACT AND HE IS THE VICTIM HERE, RIGHT?

AKIYAMA... ...MANAGED TO SPLENDIDLY MAKE ONLY SAMUE'S GROUP LOOK LIKE THE VILLAINS THERE.
THIS IS WHERE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING THE SILVER-TONGUED HARIMOTO FROM THE SITE REALLY SHOWS.

THE FULL PICTURE OF SAMUE'S GROUP'S PLAN GOES LIKE THIS.
IN OTHER WORDS,


HOWEVER, IN REALITY, ONCE THE GAME STARTED, THEY PLANNED TO UNJUSTLY SEIZE THE LOTS ONE AFTER ANOTHER BY PRETENDING EVERYTHING WAS THE "SPIRIT'S DOING"
Dealing session
Lot A bidders
Shimcharada Daamu 1 gold coins
Harimoto Takashi 2 gold coins
2 bidders in total
Lot A winner
Harimoto Takashi
ON THE SURFACE, THEY WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORTED KANZAKI NAO'S BID-RIGGING PLAN


BY THAT TIME PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THE LOTS WOULD'VE FALLEN INTO HARIMOTO'S GROUP'S HANDS. THAT WAS THE SCENARIO THEY DEVICED
Lot A
Lot B
Lot C
Lot D
Lot E
Lot F
Lot G
Lot H
Lot I
Lot J
EVENTUALLY YOU WOULD'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON UNDER THE SPIRIT PRETENSE, BUT IT WOULD'VE BEEN TOO LATE.


SINCE INITIALLY NO LOT GIVES YOU A PLACEMENT, GETTING A LOT WITH ONE EXTRA CARD IS AN ADVANTAGE... THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT, ISN'T IT?
PROBABLY THE SIX CARD LOTS, RIGHT?
GUYS, WHEN YOU ALL FIRST SAW THE DEALING CATALOGUE, WHICH LOTS CAUGHT YOUR EYE RIGHT AWAY?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE FROM THE START.
!!

IN CASE EVERYBODY DECIDES TO COOPERATE AND GET ONE LOT PER PLAYER, IT'S NOT THE SIX CARD LOTS THAT GIVE YOU THE MOST ADVANTAGE.

BUT HARIMOTO SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THOSE LOTS WHATSOEVER.

Lot A: Akiyama (Ex-con), Shimoharada (Mushroom)
Lot B: Harimoto (Samue)
Lot C: Mikamoto (OL)
Lot D:
Lot E:
Lot F:
Lot G:
Lot H:
Lot I: Taniuaka (Giant), Yasukawa (Bally), Abe (Black ponytail)
Lot J: Kawai (Macho), Saeki (F made), Kimura (Shorthair)

AND THIS IS WHERE THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS GAME LIES.

THE BEST STRATEGY IS TO GET THE FIRST LOTS THAT ARE UP FOR BIDDING RIGHT AFTER THE GAME STARTS, THAT IS, LOT A OR LOT B.

!!

SO THEY ACTED UNDER THE PREMISE OF VIOLATING THE PACT RIGHT FROM THE START?!

OF COURSE AFTER ALL...

AND BY THE WAY, THOSE WHO'VE ALREADY GOT THE FIRST LOTS,..

Lot A

But you already have Lot A!!!

...CAN VERY WELL BREAK THE AGREEMENT AND TRY TO GET ANOTHER LOT FOR THEMSELVES.

Lot A
↓
Lot B ← NOW
↓
Lot C
↓
Lot D
↓
Lot E
↓
Lot F
↓
Lot G
↓
Lot H
↓
Lot I
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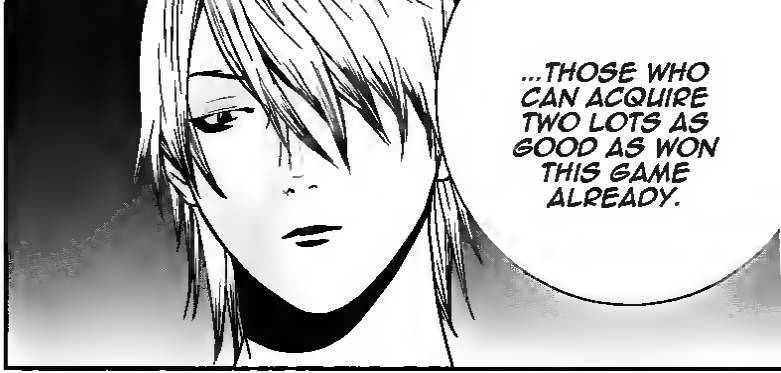
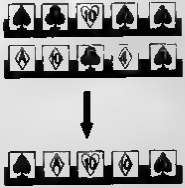
Lot J ← LAST

WHY? BECAUSE THOSE WHO ARE ASSIGNED THE LAST LOTS WON'T TRY ANYTHING IN THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME.

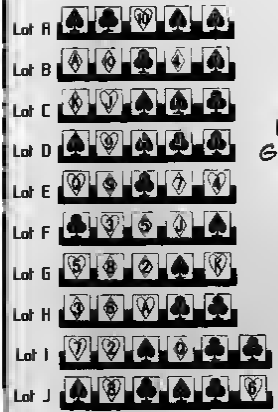


BUT SEIZING TWO OF THEM WILL GARANTEE YOU A PLACEMENT WITHOUT FAIL!



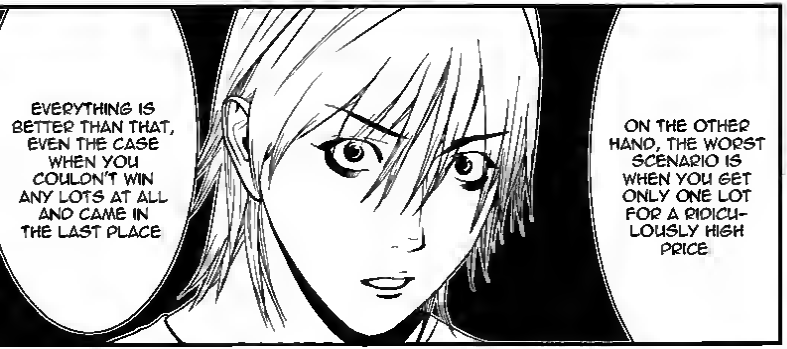
Dealing session

Lot Catalogue



NO LOT LETS YOU GET RANKED PER SE...

THAT IS, SEIZING TWO LOTS WILL GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T BE AMONG THE LOSERS.
IN THIS GAME, ONE LAST PLAYER WITH NO REQUIRED NUMBER OF CARDS WILL BECOME A PIG FOR SURE.
AAH!!!


EVERYTHING IS BETTER THAN THAT, EVEN THE CASE WHEN YOU COULDN'T WIN ANY LOTS AT ALL AND CAME IN THE LAST PLACE
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WORST SCENARIO IS WHEN YOU GET ONLY ONE LOT FOR A RIDICULOUSLY HIGH PRICE

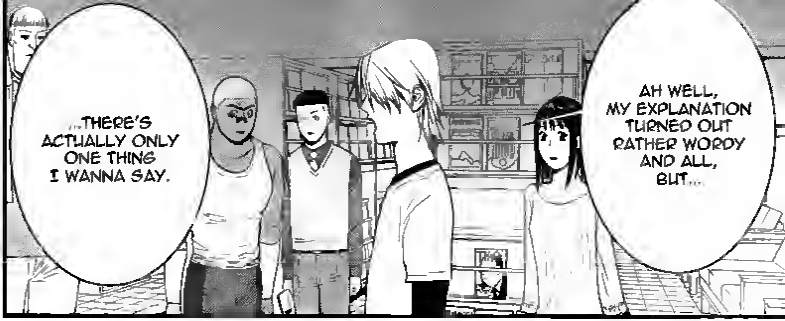
ALTERNATIVELY, THE RESULT FOR A PLAYER WHO DIDN'T GET EVEN A SINGLE LOT WILL LOOK LIKE THIS.

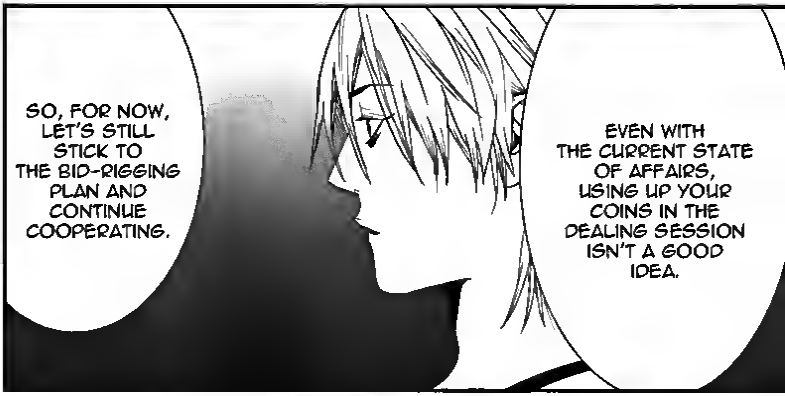
Money at the start	300mil
Dealing bid win	0mil
Last place loss	-150mil
LGT Office return	-100mil
Total	+50mil

THIS'S MUCH BETTER, OBVIOUSLY, EVEN GRANTING YOU SOME PROFIT.

SAY, YOU WON ONE LOT FOR 100 MILLION, BUT WITH JUST ONE LOT YOU'RE STILL A PIG, AND THE END RESULT FOR YOU WILL BE LIKE THIS:

Money at the start	300mil
Dealing bid win	-100mil
Last place loss	-150mil
LGT Office return	-100mil
Total	-50mil


...THERE'S ACTUALLY ONLY ONE THING I WANNA SAY.
AH WELL, MY EXPLANATION TURNED OUT RATHER WORDY AND ALL, BUT...


SO, FOR NOW, LET'S STILL STICK TO THE BID-RIGGING PLAN AND CONTINUE COOPERATING.
EVEN WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, USING UP YOUR COINS IN THE DEALING SESSION ISN'T A GOOD IDEA.

.....

!!
ALLOW ME TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT F!
WELL THEN!

LET US STAND IN A CIRCLE LIKE BEFORE... ALRIGHT?
UM... SO... ANYWAY...
.....
.....
.....
WHEN I HEARD THE NEXT LOT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE YASUKAWA-SAN'S, I FELT THAT SOMETHING BAD WAS GOING TO HAPPEN
THAT'D BE ME.
I TRIED TO SOOTHE THE CHAOS ENGULFING THE SITE AND HAVE EVERYBODY STAND IN A CIRCLE.
WHO IS THE DESIGNATED BIDDER FOR THE NEXT LOT?

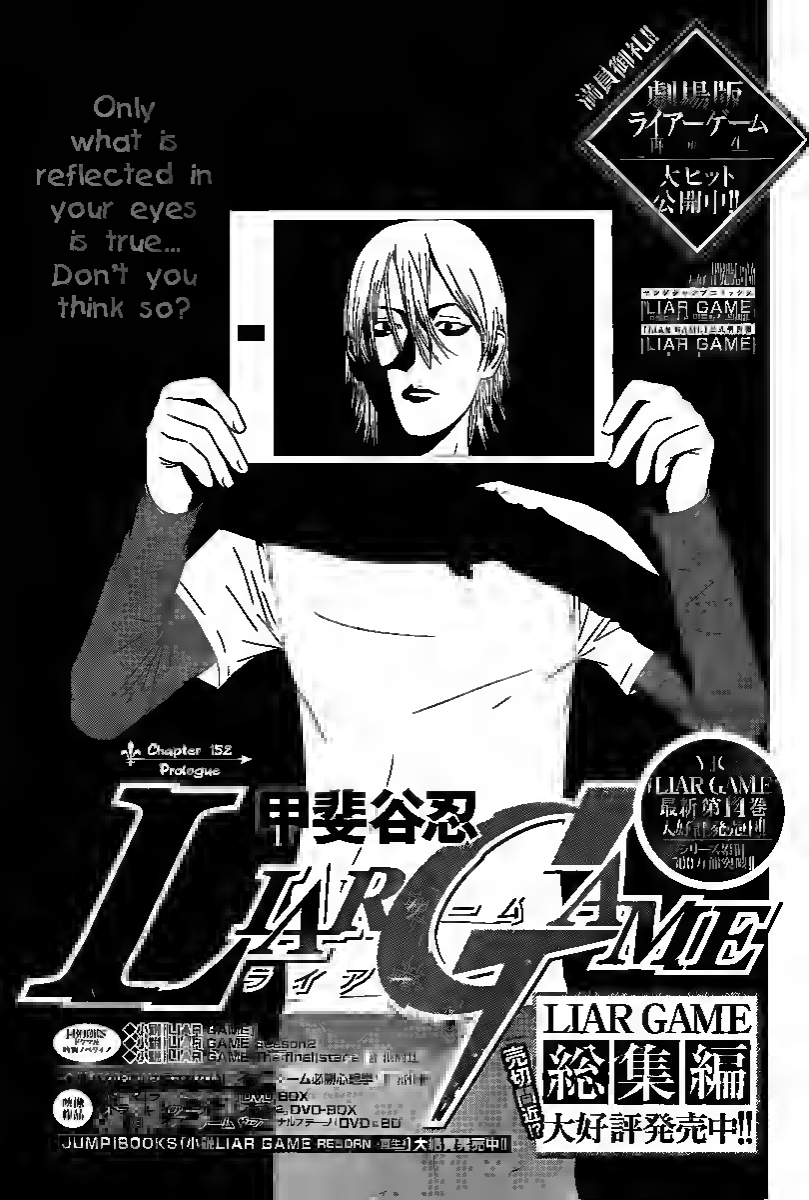
ALMOST AS IF THE LINCEST REIGNING THE SITE JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO WAS ONLY A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION...
HOWEVER, FOR A WHILE THINGS WERE SURPRISINGLY CALM...
AH!!!
!!
Closing session
Lot F bidding open
Closes in
0 minutes 49 seconds
BUT THEN...
!?
SHIMOHARA, WHATCHA DOING?!

I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE LETTING A DIRTY TRAITOR LIKE YOU HAVE A LOT.
WHAT, EH? WELL, BIDDING, OBVIOUSLY!
LET GO OF ME, FRIGGIN BALDY!
STOP IT, YOU FUCKER!
AND ME
YEP, ME, TOO.
!!
!!
HUH?!
THEN I'LL BID, TOO.
EVERYBODY, PLEASE STOP!!!
STOP!

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLAYERS...

...CRUMBLED DOWN.

THE HUMAN HEART IS WEAK AND FRAGILE...


Only what is reflected in your eyes is true... Don't you think so?
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LIAR GAME
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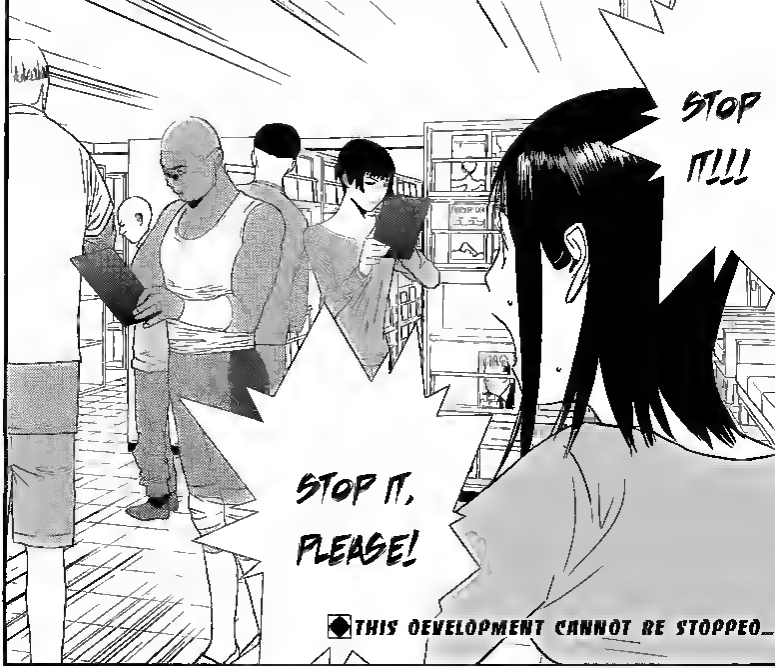
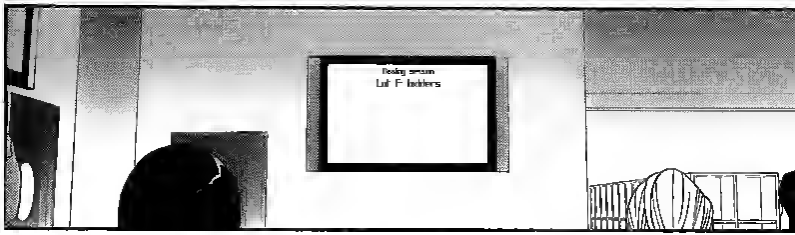
大好評発売中!!
JUMP BOOKS 小説 LIAR GAME REBORN 大好評発売中!!


STOP IT!!!
STOP IT, PLEASE!
THIS DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE STOPPED...

!!
WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE ABOUT?!

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING TO HELL WITH COOPERATING
YOU FUCKER! THINK YOU DUPED US GOOD, HUH?!
HEY, LOOK, HARIMOTO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE UPROAR TO COME OUTTA HIS TOILET EXILE!
IT'S A FULL ON BIDDING WAR.
FROM NOW ON...
.....
AAH...
.....
THE TIME IS UP!

LADIES AND GENTLMEN! ATTENTION TO THE FRONT MONITOR PLEASE!
!!
!!


Dealing session
Lot F: bidders

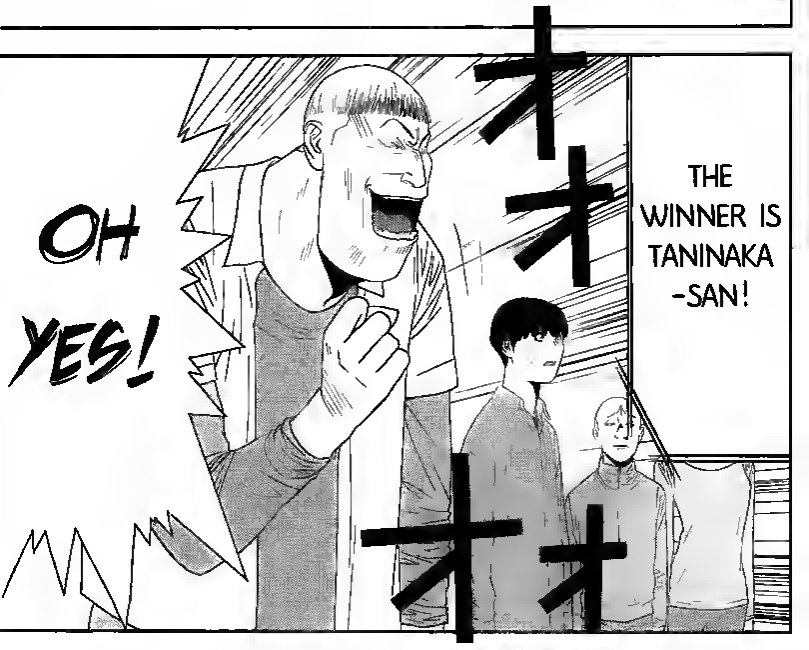
Dealing session
Lot E: bidders
Yasukawa Yasuhiko 1 gold coin
Shimoharada Osamu 2 gold coins
Saeki Kiyoshi 10 gold coins
Harimoto Takashi 24 gold coins
Kimura Kei 44 gold coins
Kawai Tatsuya 67 gold coins
E'',,
E'',,
E'',,
E'',,

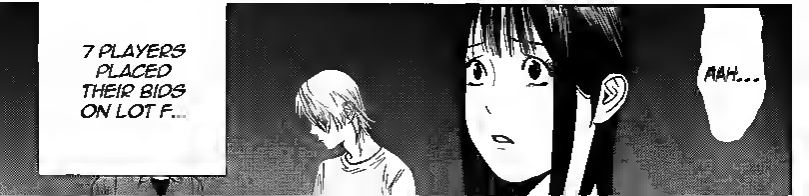
Harimoto Takashi	24 gold coins
Kimura Kei	44 gold coins
Kawai Tatsuya	67 gold coins
Taninaka Kouichi	70 gold coins

7 bidders in total

Lot F winner:

Taninaka Kouichi





...70 GOLD COINS...

Yasukawa Yasuhiko	1 gold coin
Shimoharada Osamu	2 gold coins
Saeki Kiyoshi	10 gold coins
Harimoto Takashi	24 gold coins
Kimura Kei	44 gold coins
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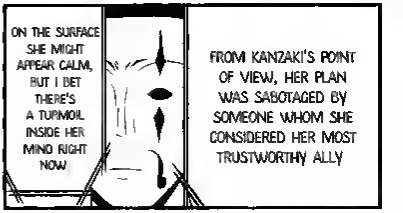
...AND THE PRICE THE WINNER PAID WAS...

HE'S GOING TO LOSE SOMETHING IMPORTANT IN EXCHANGE.
KUKUKU... I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SAY THAT HE DID REMARKABLY WELL STOPPING HARIMOTO'S PLAN FROM FRUITION, BUT...
AND IT WAS NOT, IN YOUR OPINION...?
OH? SO YOU'RE SAYING WHAT AKIYAMA DID WAS A GOOD MOVE?
IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE, ANYWAY OTHERWISE AKIYAMA WOULD HAVE KEPT PLAYING RIGHT INTO SAMUE'S GROUP'S HANDS

HER.

IT'S BECAUSE AKIYAMA REVEALED HARIMOTO'S TRICK THAT THE PLACE IS IN CHAOS RIGHT NOW
YES.
HE IS GOING TO LOSE KANZAKI ...?

KANZAKI NAO'S HELP WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN HIS WINS, TOO
AKIYAMA HAS COME THIS FAR IN THE GAME NOT ONLY DUE TO HIS OWN POWER


ON THE SURFACE SHE MIGHT APPEAR CALM, BUT I BET THERE'S A TURMOIL INSIDE HER MIND RIGHT NOW
FROM KANZAKI'S POINT OF VIEW, HER PLAN WAS SABOTAGED BY SOMEONE WHOM SHE CONSIDERED HER MOST TRUSTWORTHY ALLY

KUKUKU. THAT WILL MAKE THIS FIGHT EVEN MORE EXCITING, DON'T YOU AGREE?
IF THERE'S A RIFT BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM...

I WOULD LIKE TO...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE BE QUIET!
...ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT G!
BIDDING IS PROGRESSING SO RAPIDLY...
AAH...
TO COOPERATE ONCE AGAIN IN ORDER TO FINISH THE GAME WITHOUT USING UP THEIR COINS USELESSLY.
STILL, I DIDN'T GIVE UP AND TRIED TO PERSUADE EVERYBODY.

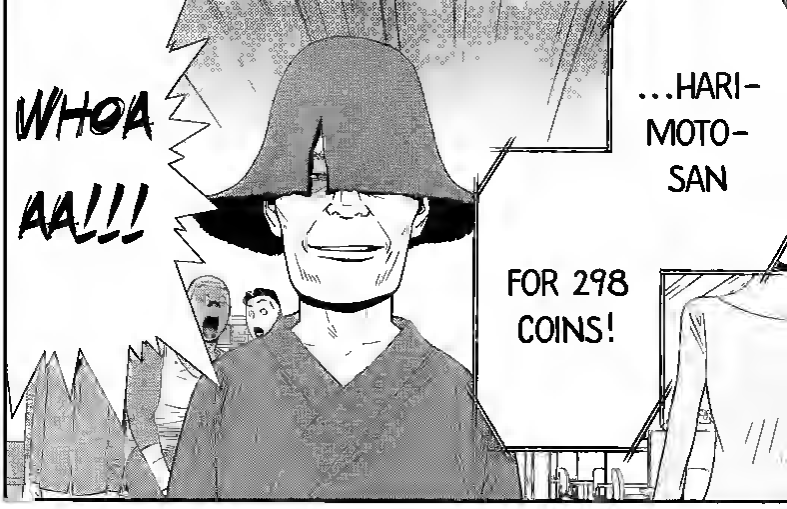
OH SHUTTUP ALREADY!
BUT
NO ONE LISTENED TO ME.
!!
HOW CAN IT BE...
.....
AKIYAMA-SAN...
AKIYAMA-SAN!
KUUUKU KUKUKU!
THE DISCORD BETWEEN KANZAKI AND AKIYAMA IS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT
WITH THIS

AND LOT G GOES TO...
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO ANYMORE TO STOP THAT DEVELOPMENT...
WHAA AA?!
...KIMURA-SAN FOR 117 COINS!
HM...?
AND THE WINNER OF LOT H IS...
Lot H: bidding CLOSED
THE WINNERS OF THE REMAINING LOTS WERE DECIDED THROUGH CHAOTIC BIDDING

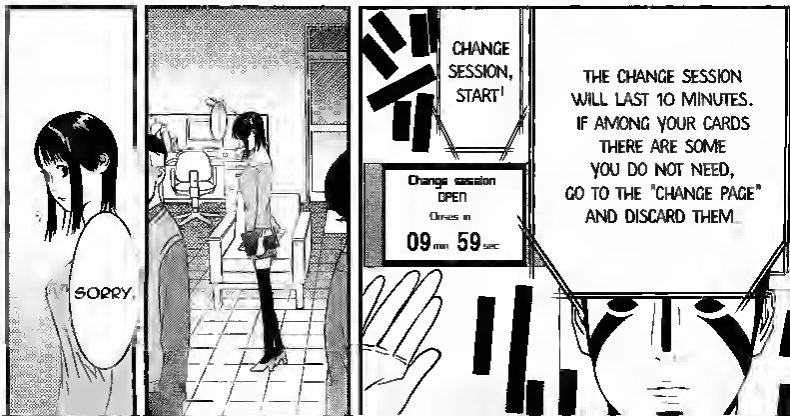
I DID IT!!!
...SAEKI-SAN!

YAY!
AND LOT I WINS SHIMOHARADA-SAN!

THE WINNER OF LOT J IS...
AND FINALLY, WE REACHED THE LAST LOT

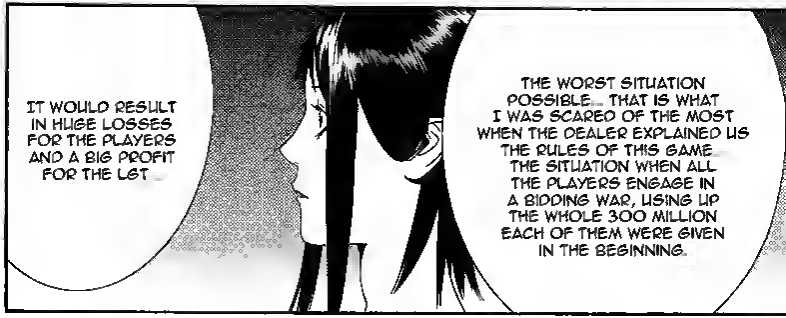

WHOA AA!!!
...HARI-MOTO-SAN
FOR 298 COINS!

NEXT, WE WILL MOVE ONTO THE CHANGE SESSION WHERE YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCARD AND CHANGE YOUR CARDS
WITH THIS, THE DEALING SESSION IS OVER.

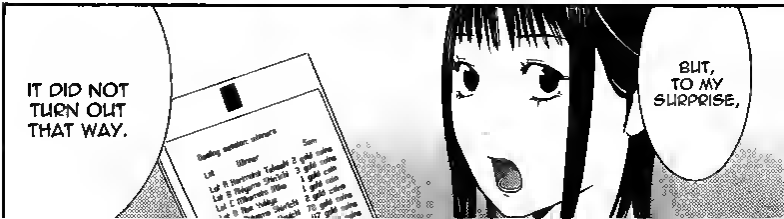

SORRY.
CHANGE SESSION, START!
Change session OPEN
Closes in
09mn 59sec
THE CHANGE SESSION WILL LAST 10 MINUTES. IF AMONG YOUR CARDS THERE ARE SOME YOU DO NOT NEED, GO TO THE "CHANGE PAGE" AND DISCARD THEM!

I COULDN'T MAKE YOUR PLAN COME TRUE
AKIYAMA-SAN!
IT IS UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE, AKIYAMA-SAN.
COULD IT BE THAT YOU THOUGHT I WAS ANGRY WITH YOU?
WELL...
IT'S ONLY UNDERSTANDABLE IF YOU'RE ANGRY.
BUT I AM NOT.
IF ANYTHING,
I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU, AKIYAMA-SAN.
!?
HUH?!

BECAUSE IF HARIMOTO-SAN'S SCHEME WAS TO BE EXPOSED IN SUCH A MANNER, THE SITUATION WOULD DETERIORATE TO THE WORST POSSIBLE...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE THOUGHT OF HOW YOU COULD DO SUCH AN AWFUL THING CROSSED MY MIND...


IT WOULD RESULT IN HUGE LOSSES FOR THE PLAYERS AND A BIG PROFIT FOR THE LST...
THE WORST SITUATION POSSIBLE... THAT IS WHAT I WAS SCARED OF THE MOST WHEN THE DEALER EXPLAINED US THE RULES OF THIS GAME. THE SITUATION WHEN ALL THE PLAYERS ENGAGE IN A BIDDING WAR, USING UP THE WHOLE 300 MILLION EACH OF THEM WERE GIVEN IN THE BEGINNING.

I WAS AFRAID EVERYBODY WOULD USE UP ALMOST ALL OF THEIR 300 COINS TRYING TO WIN A LOT... THOSE WERE MY THOUGHTS.
I BLAMED YOU FOR THAT WORST CASE SCENARIO COMING INTO BEING...


IT DID NOT TURN OUT THAT WAY.
BUT, TO MY SURPRISE,

Bidding -> Winners log

Dealing session: Lot winners log

	Winner	Sum
Lot A	Harimoto Takashi	2 gold coins
Lot B	Akiyama Shin'ichi	3 gold coins
Lot C	Mikamoto Mika	1 gold coin
Lot D	Abe Yukiyo	1 gold coin
Lot E	Akiyama Shin'ichi	2 gold coins
Lot F	Taninaka Kouichi	70 gold coins
Lot G	Kimura Kei	117 gold coins
Lot H	Saeki Kiyoshi	130 gold coins
Lot I	Shimohara Osamu	149 gold coins
Lot J	Harimoto Takashi	298 gold coins

EXCEPT FOR HARIMOTO-SAN, WHO PAID 298 COINS TO GET LOT J,

THIS IS THE LIST OF THE LOT WINNERS.

WON THEIR LOTS FOR NO MORE THAN SUMS A LITTLE OVER 100 COINS... IT IS ALMOST LIKE EVERYBODY STEPPED ON THE BRAKE AROUND THE BIDS OF 150 COINS.

ka Kouichi 70 gold coins
Kei 117 gold coins
iyoshi 130 gold coins
ara Osamu 149 gold coins
oto Takashi 298 gold coins

EVERY-BODY ELSE

THAT WAS WHY THEY SPLIT THEIR 300 COINS IN TWO AND DID NOT GO OVER 150 COINS PER ONE LOT IN THEIR BIDS

YOUR WORDS SET A LIMITER IN THE PLAYERS' MINDS... TILL THE VERY END THEY ALL WERE DETERMINED TO TRY AND GET A SECOND LOT,

IF YOU GET 2 LOTS, YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO AVOID LOSING IN THIS GAME. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WORST CASE SCENARIO FOR YOU IS WHEN YOU MANAGE TO GET ONLY ONE LOT FOR A RIPOFF PRICE. ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN THAT, EVEN NOT WINNING ANY LOTS AT ALL, BECAUSE YOU'LL END UP AS A PIG EITHER WAY.

SOMETHING YOU MEN-TIONED IN YOUR SPEECH.

THAT IS WHEN I REMEM-BERED

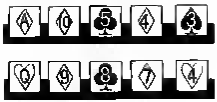
AKIYAMA-SAN,
YOU FORSAW THIS DEVELOPMENT, DID YOU NOT?
THE PANIC AMONG THE PLAYERS COULD NOT BE STOPPED.
YOU KNEW THAT AND TRIED TO AT LEAST PUT A BRAKE MECHANISM INTO THEIR MINDS.
HMPH... MAYBE
SAY WHAT?!
WASN'T THERE SUPPOSED TO BE A RIFT BETWEEN THEM?!
YOU KNOW, A WHILE BACK AKIYAMA SEEMS TO HAVE SAID THIS TO KANZAKI:
"TO TRUST PEOPLE FIRST YOU NEED TO DOUBT THEM".
THE TIES BETWEEN THESE TWO CAN'T BE CUT THAT EASILY. FUFUFU.
HMM...

AND SO,

BY THE TIME THE DEALING SESSION ENDED, THE STATUS OF EACH PLAYER WAS AS FOLLOWS

Akiyama Shin'ichi

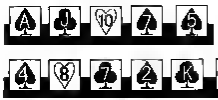
Cards



Money 298 gold coins

Harimoto Takashi

Cards



Money 0 gold coins

Kimura Kei

Cards

Money 204 gold coins
(Includes the reward won in the mock game)

Mikamoto Mika

Cards

Money 322 gold coins
(Includes the reward won in the mock game)

Abe Yukiyo

Cards

Money 299 gold coins

Taninaka Kouichi
Cards

Money: 230 gold coins

Shimoharada Osamu
Cards

Money: 151 gold coins

Saeki Kiyoshi
Cards

Money: 190 gold coins
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Kanzaki Nao
Cards: none
Money: 312 gold coins
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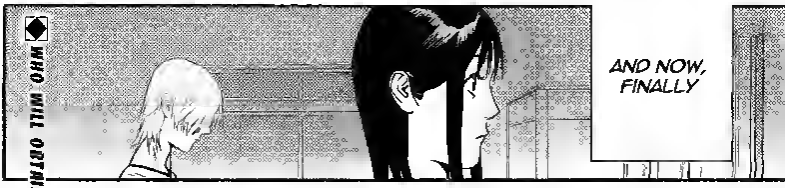
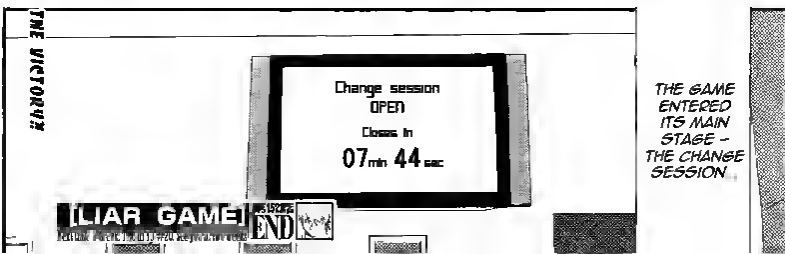
Yasukawa Yasuhiko
Cards: none
Money: 300 gold coins

Kawai Tatsuya
Cards: none
Money: 300 gold coins





It is the back side that reveals the truth... both about cards and about people.
Chapter 155
LIAR GAME
ライアーゲーム
入札ポーカー
チェンジステージ突入!!
連載再開!
甲斐谷忍
YJC
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1~14巻
大好評発売中!!
シリーズ累計
500万部突破!!
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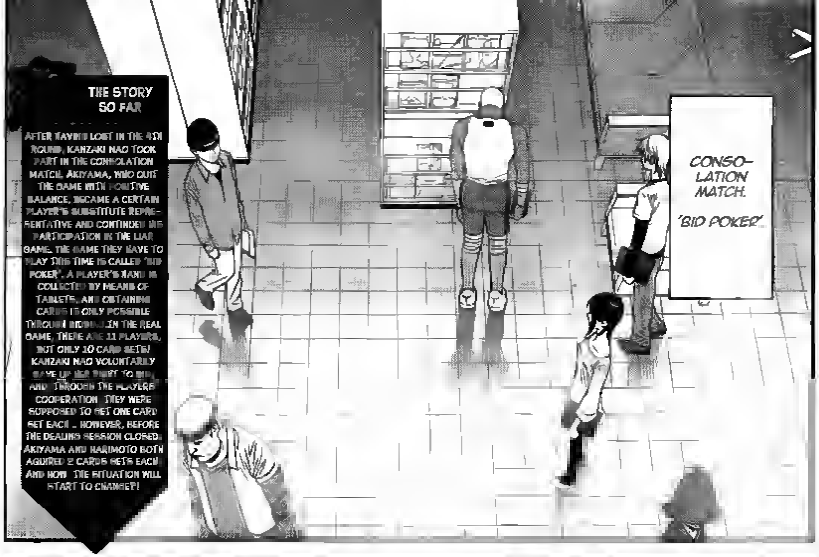
THE STORY SO FAR
AFTER KAYOKO LOST IN THE 4TH ROUND, KANZAKI NAO TOOK PART IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH. AKIYAMA, WHO GOT THE GAME WITH POSITIVE BALANCE, BECAME A CERTAIN PLAYER'S SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTINUED HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE LIAR GAME. THE GAME THEY HAVE TO PLAY THIS TIME IS CALLED "BID POKER". A PLAYER'S HAND IS COLLECTED BY MEANS OF TABLETS, AND OBTAINING CARDS IS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH BIDDING. IN THE REAL GAME, THERE ARE 11 PLAYERS, BUT ONLY 10 CARD SETS! KANZAKI NAO VOLUNTARILY GAVE UP HER RIGHT TO BID, AND THROUGH THE PLAYERS' COOPERATION, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GET ONE CARD SET EACH... HOWEVER, BEFORE THE DEALING SESSION CLOSED, AKIYAMA AND HARIMOTO BOTH ACQUIRED 2 CARD SETS EACH! AND NOW, THE SITUATION WILL START TO CHANGE!!
CONSOLATION MATCH.
'BID POKER'

The proceeding of the game

Dealing session:

1. The catalogue is revealed, consideration time (30 minutes)
2. Bidding period for Lot A (5 minutes)
3. Bids examination, the winner announcement
4. Bidding period for Lot B (5 minutes)

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Change session:

1. Changing cards period (10 minutes)
2. The catalogue is revealed, consideration time (30 minutes)
3. Bidding period for Lot A (5 minutes)
4. Bids examination; the winner announcement
5. Bidding period for Lot B (5 minutes)

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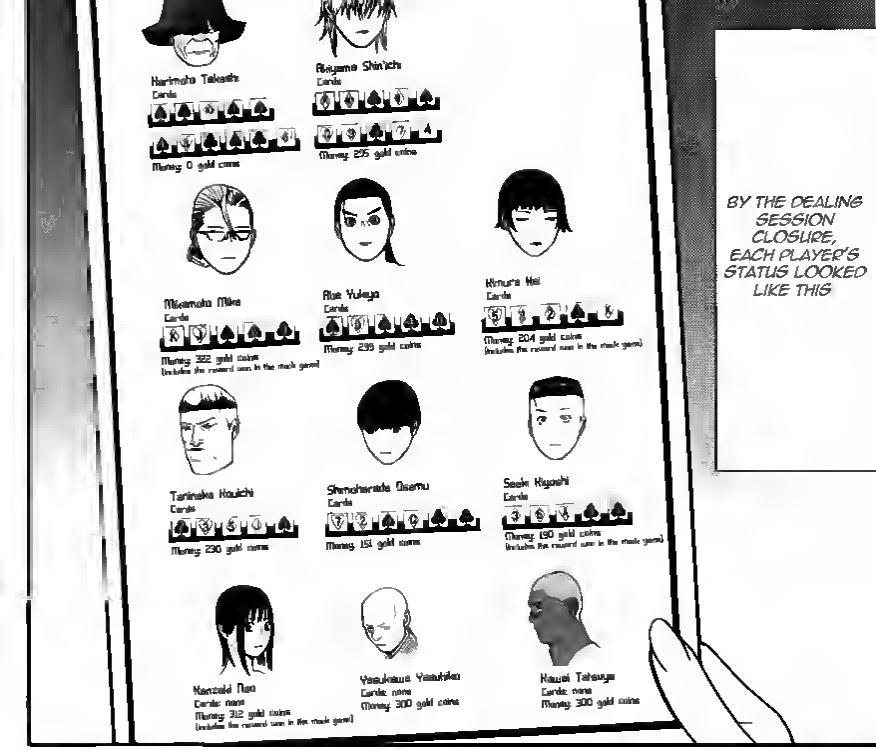
THE GAME ENTERED ITS FIRST CHANGE SESSION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Cards:
Money: 0 gold coins
Akiyama Shin'ichi
Cards:
Money: 255 gold coins
Mikamoto Mike
Cards:
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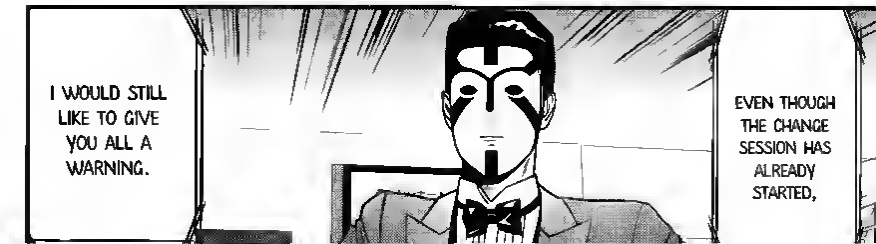
BY THE DEALING SESSION CLOSURE, EACH PLAYER'S STATUS LOOKED LIKE THIS

ARE AKIYAMA-SAN AND HARIMOTO-SAN
AT THE MOMENT THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN BE RANKED


I WOULD STILL LIKE TO GIVE YOU ALL A WARNING.
EVEN THOUGH THE CHANGE SESSION HAS ALREADY STARTED,

YOUR TABLETS HAVE THE PAGE TITLED 'DISCARD CARDS'; GO THERE AND, ONCE YOU ARE ASKED, 'WHICH CARDS WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCARD?', SELECT THE CARDS YOU WISH TO DISCARD, THEN PRESS THE OK BUTTON; WITH THESE STEPS, THE DISCARD OPERATION WILL BE COMPLETE.

THOSE OF YOU WANTING TO DISCARD CARDS THEY DO NOT NEED SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:

!?

ONCE BIDDING OPENS, IT WILL START WITH 'LOT A', THEN 'LOT B' AND SO ON.

Change session
Changing cards
Time left
07mm 33sec

THE CARDS YOU DISCARD WILL FORM A 'LOT'. LOTS WILL BE LABELED ALPHABETICALLY 'LOT A', 'LOT B' AND SO ON, IN ORDER OF THEIR REGISTRATION. THAT IS, LOTS OF THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL COMPLETE THE DISCARD PROCEDURE FASTER WILL BE PLACED HIGHER IN THE 'LOT CATALOGUE'.

IS THE RULE STATING THAT ***ONE PLAYER CAN ONLY MAKE ONE LOT PER A CHANGE SESSION.***

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO

BUT THEY CANNOT MAKE TWO SEPARATE LOTS.

Lot A 5♡

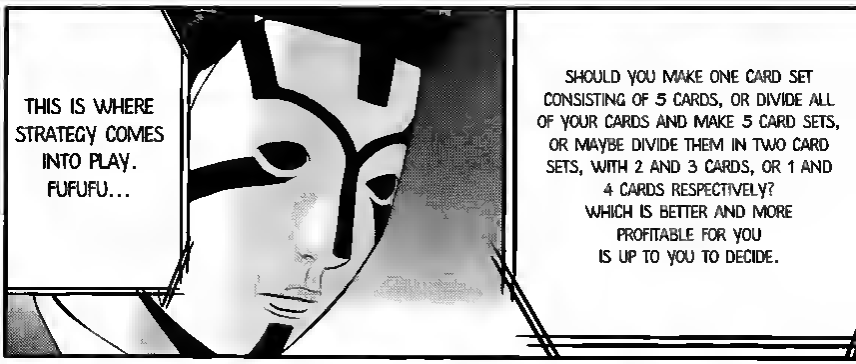
Lot B 3♢

THEY WILL MAKE A SINGLE LOT LIKE THIS

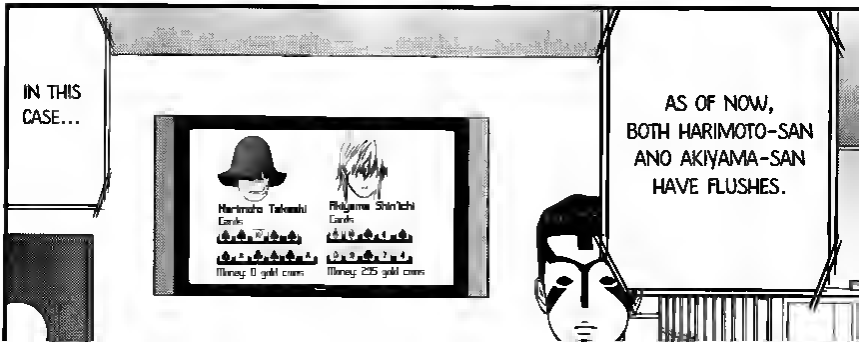
Lot A 5♡ 3♢

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN YOU DISCARD 3 OF DIAMONDS AND 5 OF HEARTS,

SO THAT MEANS IF YOU WANT TO MAKE 5 LOTS OUT OF 5 CARDS,
YOU'LL HAVE TO DIVIDE THEM AN DISCARD ONE CARD PER A CHANGE SESSION?
THAT IS CORRECT.


SHOULD YOU MAKE ONE CARD SET CONSISTING OF 5 CARDS, OR DIVIDE ALL OF YOUR CARDS AND MAKE 5 CARD SETS, OR MAYBE DIVIDE THEM IN TWO CARD SETS, WITH 2 AND 3 CARDS, OR 1 AND 4 CARDS RESPECTIVELY? WHICH IS BETTER AND MORE PROFITABLE FOR YOU IS UP TO YOU TO DECIDE.
THIS IS WHERE STRATEGY COMES INTO PLAY. FUFUFU...

THERE IS ONE MORE THING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ABOUT THE CURRENT TEMPORARY RANKING

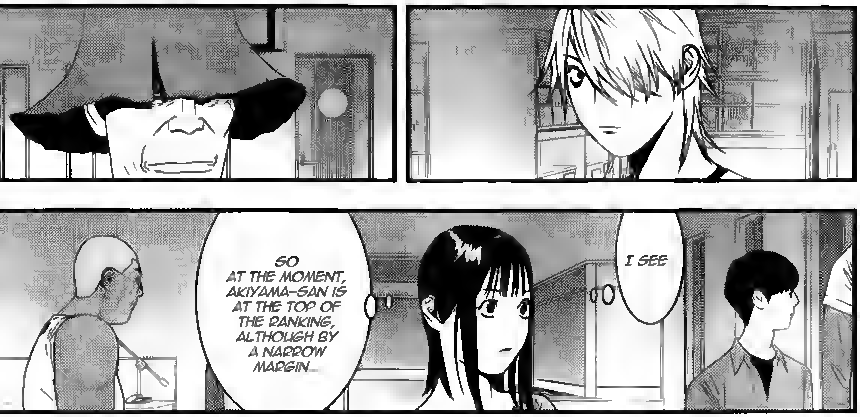

AS OF NOW, BOTH HARIMOTO-SAN AND AKIYAMA-SAN HAVE FLUSHES.
IN THIS CASE...
Harimoto Takeshi
Cards:
Money: 0 gold coins
Akiyama Shin'ichi
Cards:
Money: 235 gold coins

Harimoto Takashi

Akiyama Shin'ichi

...THE OFFICIAL POKER RULES ARE APPLIED TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD BE RANKED HIGHER.
IN OUR CASE, AKIYAMA-SAN RANKS HIGHER.

IN ORDER TO BREAK THE TIE IN CASE SEVERAL PLAYERS HAVE A FLUSH:
① THE PLAYERS' FIRST HIGH CARDS ARE COMPARED
IN OUR CASE, BOTH PLAYERS HAVE ACES AS THEIR HIGH CARDS
② IF THE FIRST HIGH CARDS ARE OF THE SAME RANK, THE PLAYERS' SECOND HIGH CARDS ARE COMPARED
FOR HARIMOTO-SAN, WE HAVE '9', FOR AKIYAMA-SAN, IT IS '10' WHICH PLACES AKIYAMA-SAN HIGHER



IN OTHER WORDS...
CHANGE SESSIONS ARE A BATTLE TO IMPROVE ONE'S HAND AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, ONE'S POSITION IN THE OVERALL RANKING BY SELLING THE CARDS YOU DON'T NEED AND BUYING FROM THE OTHER PLAYERS THOSE YOU NEED.
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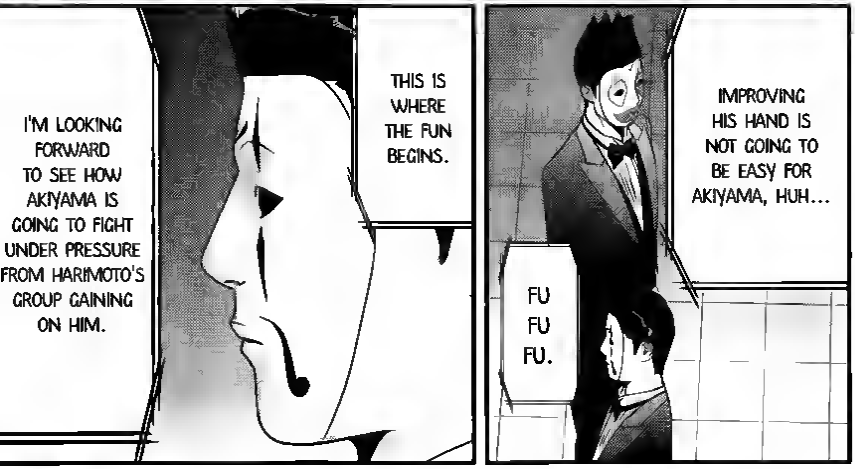
AS A RESULT, THEY HAVE ALL THE CHANCES TO EASILY IMPROVE THEIR STANDINGS.
THE STABLE ALLIANCE THESE FOUR HAVE SERVES AS THE BACKBONE PROVIDING THEM WITH UNMATCHED FLEXIBILITY IN THIS FIGHT.

HIS ONLY RELIABLE ALLY, KANZAKI NAO, STATED SHE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING BATTLE.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IN AKIYAMA'S CASE...
INDEED!

FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GONNA BE FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL!
I AIN'T GONNA TAKE PART IN AGREEMENTS NO MORE! I'M THROUGH WITH ALL THAT CRAP!
NOT TO MENTION HIS OTHER POSSIBLE ALLIES' DECLARATIONS ..
...LEFT NO LEEWAY FOR ANYTHING.


I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE HOW AKIYAMA IS GOING TO FIGHT UNDER PRESSURE FROM HARIMOTO'S GROUP GAINING ON HIM.
THIS IS WHERE THE FUN BEGINS.
IMPROVING HIS HAND IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY FOR AKIYAMA, HUH...
FU FU FU.

.....
AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS TIME TO CONTINUE YOUR BATTLE.
THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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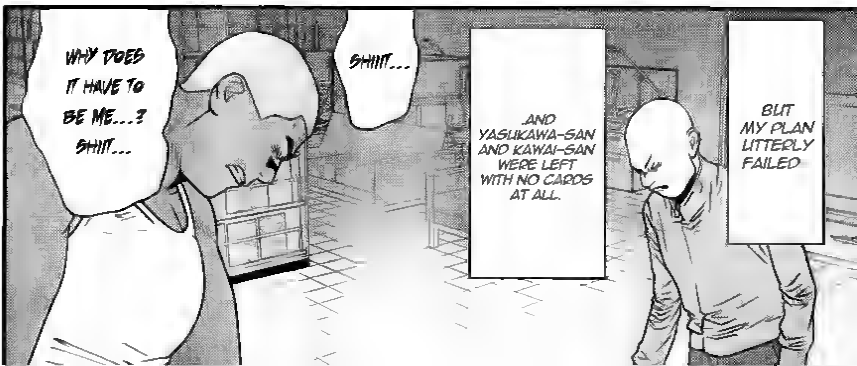
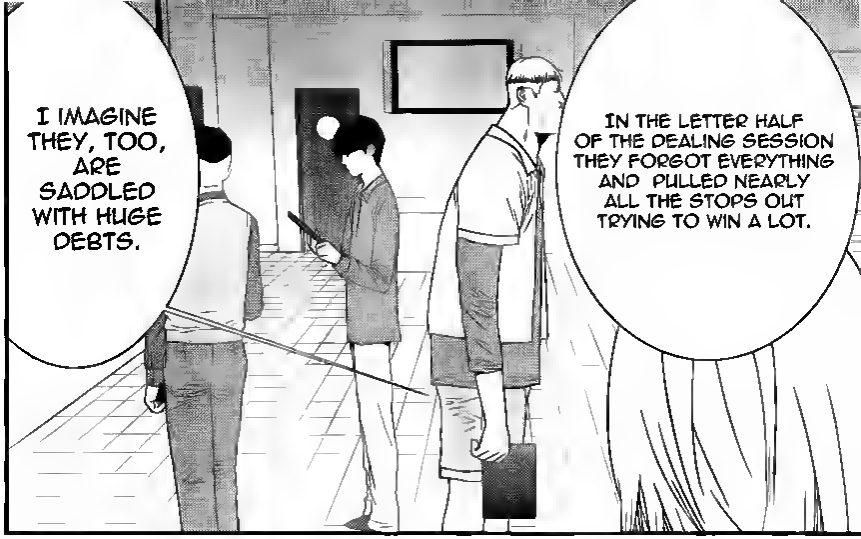
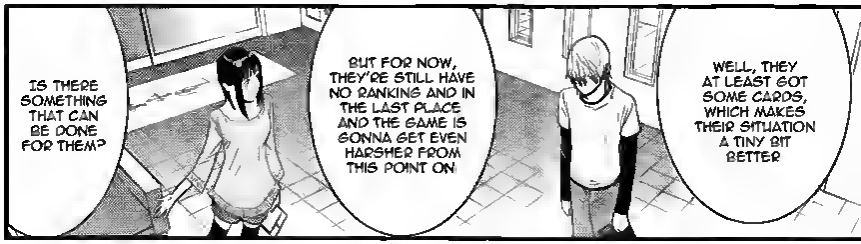
BUT TO ME, IT WAS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY, EXCEPT ME, GET 5 CARDS EACH
AT THAT MOMENT, AKIYAMA-SAN WAS IN THE LEAD IT WAS A GOOD THING, OF COURSE


WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ME...? SHIIT...
SHIIT...
AND YASUKAWA-SAN AND KAWAI-SAN WERE LEFT WITH NO CARDS AT ALL.
BUT MY PLAN LITTERLY FAILED

I KNEW IT... IN THE END.
YOU CAN NEVER TRUST OTHERS.
.....
Kawa-san_
!!
AKIYAMA-SAN
LOOKS LIKE BOTH KAWAI AND YASUKAWA ARE REALLY SHAKEN TO THE CORE
AS LONG AS ONE'S PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DEBTS DON'T EXCEED 50 MILLION, ONE CAN AFFORD NOT TO ACTIVELY PLAY IN THIS CONSOLATION MATCH, LIKE YOU, AND THEN JUST QUIT THE GAME FOR GOOD
BUT SEEMS LIKE THINGS DON'T LOOK THAT BRIGHT FOR THEM
THEN... THEIR CUMULATIVE DEBTS ARE 100 MILLION OR EVEN BIGGER...?
YEAH, PROBA-BLY
WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT YASUKAWA AND KAWAI AREN'T THE ONLY ONES IN THIS KIND OF SHITTY SITUATION


I IMAGINE THEY, TOO, ARE SADDLED WITH HUGE DEBTS.
IN THE LETTER HALF OF THE DEALING SESSION THEY FORGOT EVERYTHING AND PULLED NEARLY ALL THE STOPS OUT TRYING TO WIN A LOT.


IS THERE SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE FOR THEM?
BUT FOR NOW, THEY'RE STILL HAVE NO RANKING AND IN THE LAST PLACE AND THE GAME IS GONNA GET EVEN HARSHER FROM THIS POINT ON.
WELL, THEY AT LEAST GOT SOME CARDS, WHICH MAKES THEIR SITUATION A TINY BIT BETTER

SOMETHING I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
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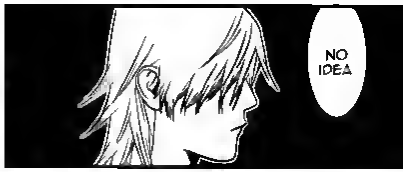
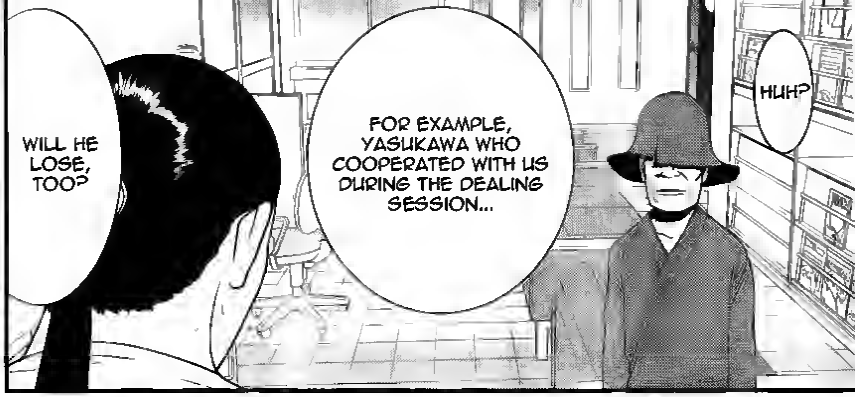
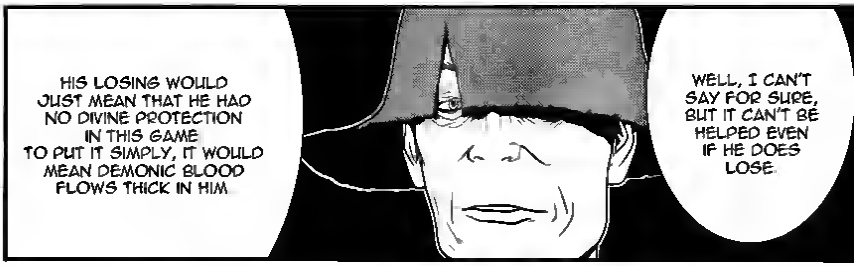
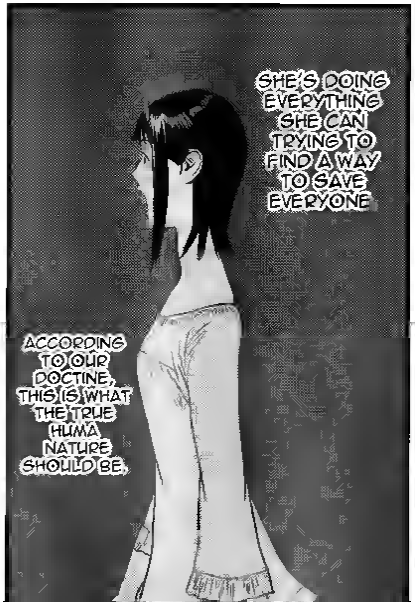

NO IDEA

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU... ALONE IF YOU DO NOT MIND ...
?
10,000 YEAR OLD ONE.

.....
WHAT IS IT? WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT ONE ON ONE?
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...
...WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NOW?
AH, THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT?
THE FOUR OF US WILL WIN, OF COURSE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. WE'LL IMPROVE YOUR HAND ENOUGH SO THAT YOU CAN GET A PROPER RANKING, TOO
IN THIS GAME .. NO, IN THE LIAR GAME IN GENERAL, HAVING ALLIES IS THE BEST WEAPON.
WE HAVE AN IRON-STRONG ALLIANCE, SO WE'LL PREVAIL IN THE END, WITHOUT FAIL SO WORRY NOT
US WINNING WILL MEAN THAT...
...EVERYBODY ELSE WILL LOSE...?


WILL HE LOSE, TOO?
FOR EXAMPLE, YASUKAWA WHO COOPERATED WITH US DURING THE DEALING SESSION...
HUH?


HIS LOSING WOULD JUST MEAN THAT HE HAD NO DIVINE PROTECTION IN THIS GAME TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT WOULD MEAN DEMONIC BLOOD FLOWS THICK IN HIM.
WELL, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED EVEN IF HE DOES LOSE.


ACCORDING TO OUR DOCTINE, THIS IS WHAT THE TRUE HUMA NATURE SHOULD BE.
SHE'S DOING EVERYTHING SHE CAN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE EVERYONE.

KANZAKI NAO... IS GOING TO LOSE AS WELL....?
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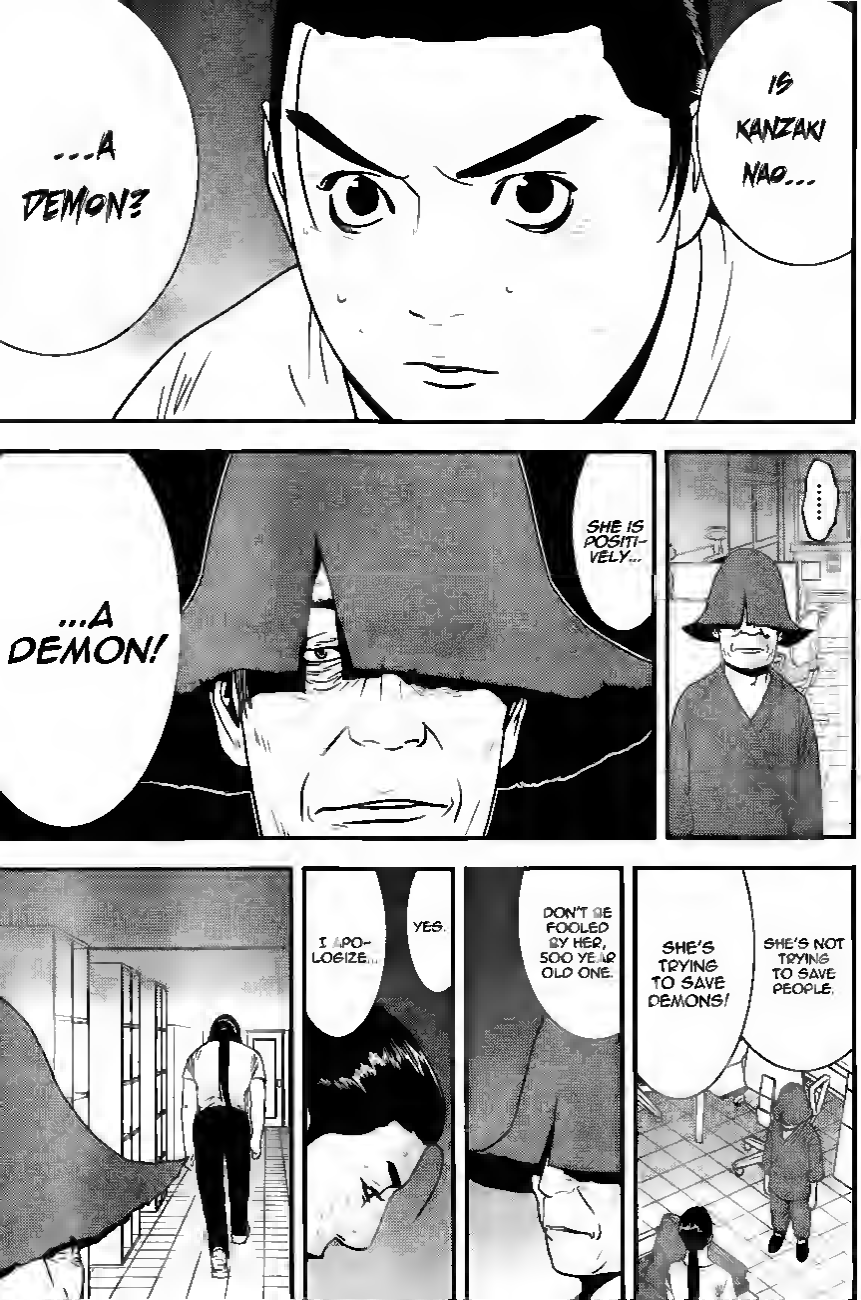
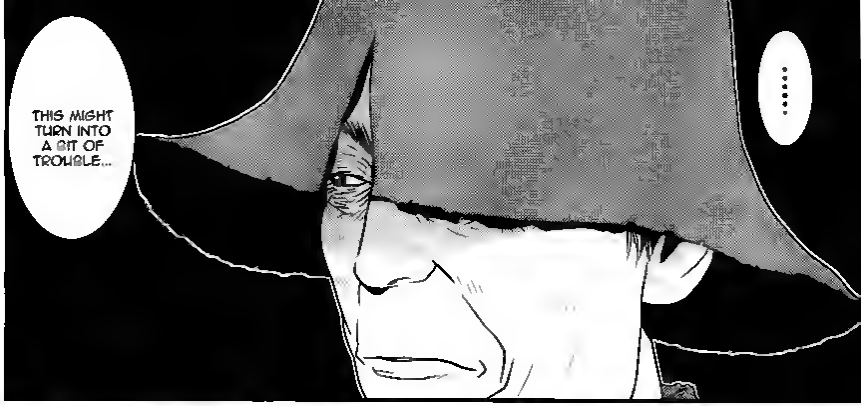

...A DEMON?
IS KANZAKI NAO...
...A DEMON!
SHE IS POSITIVELY...
.....
I APOLOGIZE...
YES.
DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER, 500 YEAR OLD ONE.
SHE'S TRYING TO SAVE DEMONS!
SHE'S NOT TRYING TO SAVE PEOPLE.


THIS MIGHT TURN INTO A BIT OF TROUBLE...
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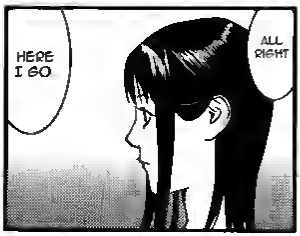
HERE I GO
ALL RIGHT

PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!
EVERY-BODY!
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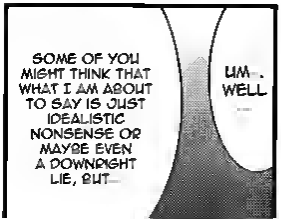
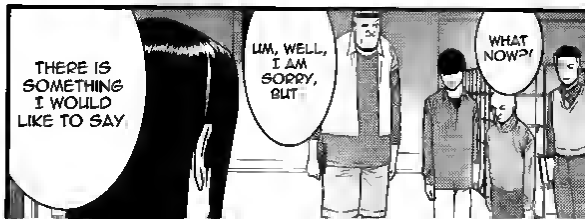

SOME OF YOU MIGHT THINK THAT WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY IS JUST IDEALISTIC NONSENSE OR MAYBE EVEN A DOWNRIGHT LIE, BUT...
UM... WELL...


THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.
UM, WELL, I AM SORRY, BUT...
WHAT NOW?!

I SINCERELY WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE PRESENT HERE!
.....
!?
I... WAS THINKING CONSOLATION MATCHES SEEM TO BE POSITIONED ALMOST AS TRAINING FOR THE REAL BATTLES WHICH ARE ACTUAL ROUNDS... SO I WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT CONSOLATION MATCHES ARE JUST A SIDE MEANS THAT THE LG OFFICE RESORTS TO...
BUT IN REALITY, IT IS THE OPPOSITE.
WHEN YOU LOSE IN AN ACTUAL ROUND, YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CONSOLATION MATCH. BUT WHEN YOU LOSE IN A CONSOLATION MATCH, YOU ARE NOT GIVEN ANY SECOND CHANCES. IN OTHER WORDS...
.....
...IT IS CONSOLATION MATCHES WHERE THE REAL BATTLE TAKES PLACE.
YOU HAVE TO WIN HERE, AT ALL COSTS.
HOO
...

I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE AMONG US WHO ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO WIN A LOT OF MONEY...
BUT COULD YOU POSTPONE
ACTING ON THAT DESIRE UNTIL THE NEXT ACTUAL ROUND?
LET US ALL WIN IN THIS CONSOLATION MATCH AND SAFELY ADVANCE TO THE NEXT GAME!
BECAUSE
...THERE IS A WAY FOR ALL OF YOU TO WIN AND ADVANCE!
.....
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FIE! JUST WHEN I WAS INTRIGUED THINKING SHE CAME UP WITH SOME NEW INGENIOUS IDEA, SHE STARTS THE SAME OLD SONG AGAIN ABOUT GETTING EVERYBODY TO COOPERATE, SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD. I GUESS, SHE'S ONE OF THOSE WHO JUST DON'T LEARN BY THEIR MISTAKES.
NO.
THAT CLUMSY METHOD JUST MIGHT WORK, JUST THIS ONCE.
EH?!
TO SAVE EVERYBODY, WE NEED TO DISTRIBUTE THE CARDS IN SUCH A WAY SO THAT EVERYONE HAS A HAND THAT LETS THEM GET RANKED.
BUT FIRST, WE NEED FOR EVERYBODY TO HAVE AT LEAST 5 CARDS. THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO SUGGEST SOMETHING.

AKIYAMA-SAN, HARIMOTO-SAN.
PLEASE DISCARD NOW THE 5 EXTRA CARDS EACH OF YOU HAS.
!!
KUKUKU. HARIMOTO AND HIS GROUP MAY BE A CULT, BUT WHAT HOLDS THAT GROUP TOGETHER IS RELIGION.
SO WHEN A SOUND ARGUMENT IS THROWN AT THEM IN SUCH AN INGENUOUS AND AWKWARD WAY, LIKE KANZAKI DID JUST NOW, DENYING IT IS VERY HARD FOR THEM.
THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO EVEN TEAR HARIMOTO'S GROUP'S WHOLE STRATEGY DOWN...
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND TO DEMAND PEOPLE TO DISCARD 5 CARDS OUT OF THE BLUE.
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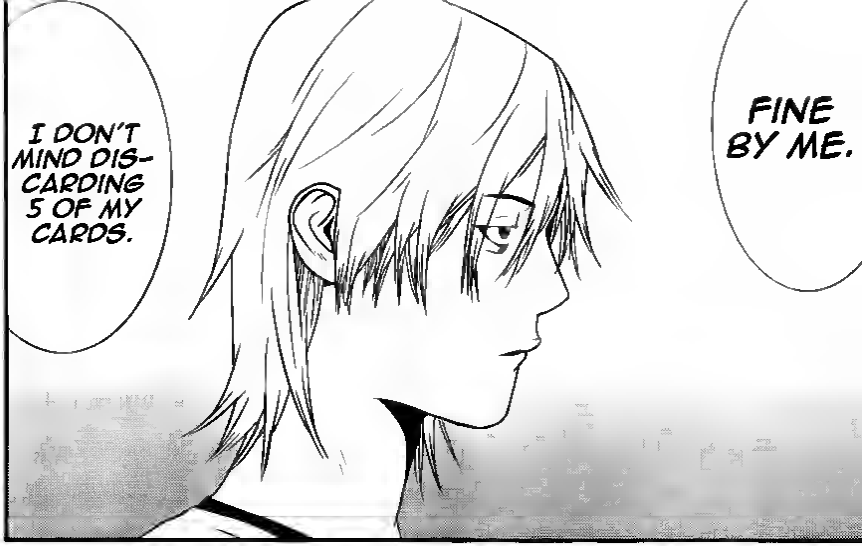
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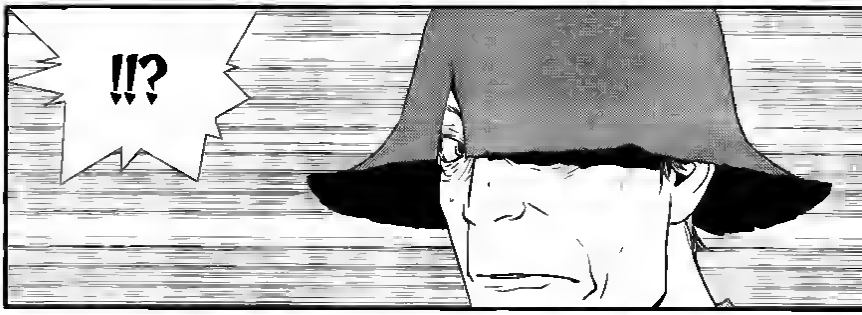
FINE BY ME.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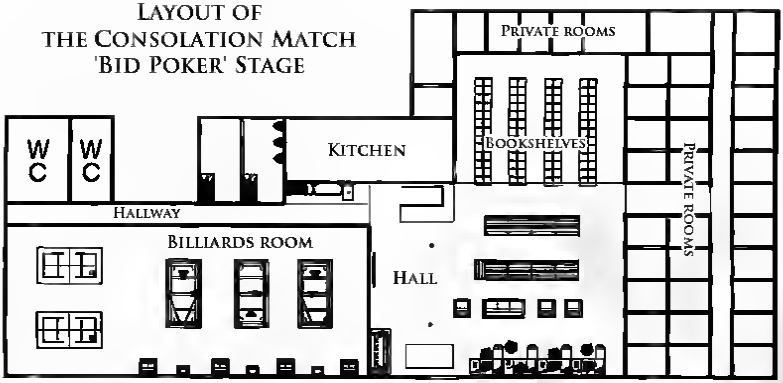
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW, HUH, HARIMOTO?
SO...
KUU KUU KUU!
AKIYAMA STEALS THE FIRST MOVE?!
[LIAR GAME]
END



Chapter 154
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LIAR GAME
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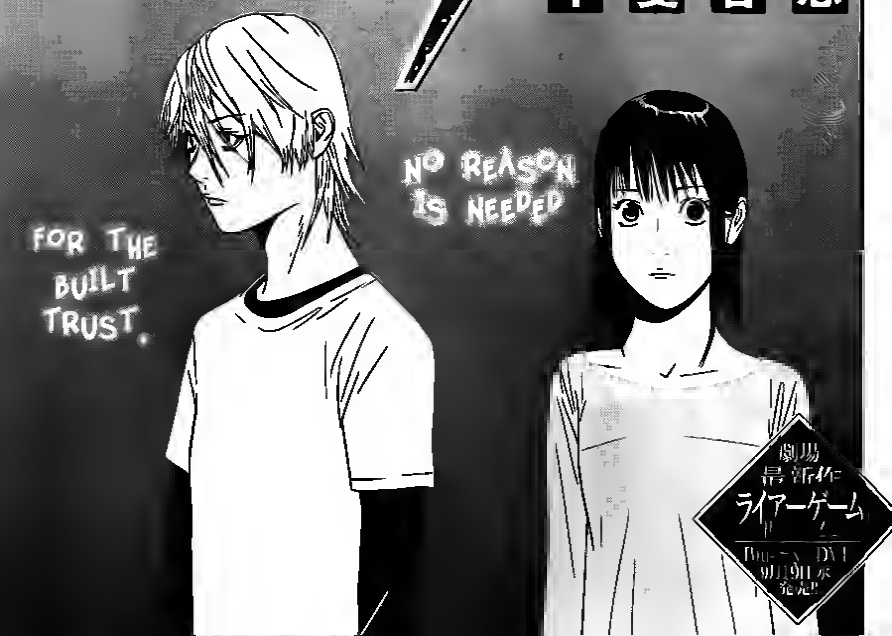

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I DON'T MIND DISCARDING 5 OF MY CARDS.
FINE BY ME.
AKIYAMA AGREES TO KANZAKI'S PLAN?!
OH GOD, THANK YOU! WE'LL BE SAVED!
I'VE ALREADY GOT A FLUSH, AND MY STANDING WON'T CHANGE EVEN IF I DISCARD THE 5 EXTRA CARDS
YEAH.
ARE YOU SERIOUS, AKIYAMA?!
!!
IF THAT PERSON OVER THERE DOESN'T DISCARD 5 CARDS, ONE OF YOU WON'T BE SAVED.
NOT SO FAST, GUYS.
KU KKU KKU!
.....
!!

IT'S A GAME WHERE YOU CAN HAVE AN EDGE, YET THEY'RE ASKING YOU TO WILLINGLY GIVE THAT UP; OF COURSE, YOU DON'T WANT TO DISCARD 5 CARDS, DO YOU.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, HARIMOTO?
YOUR OPINION MAY DIFFER, BUT AS FOR ME
KAN-ZAKI-SAN
.....
AKIYAMA-SAN HAS AGREED TO MY SUGGESTION, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HARI-MOTO-SAN
THUS, I WILL HAVE TO SAY, 'NO'.
...I, UNFORTUNATELY, CAN'T TRUST THESE PEOPLE.
WELL, LET'S SAY, FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE, THAT I DISCARD 5 CARDS, AND KAWAI OR YASUKAWA BID AND SAFELY AQUIRE THEM. BUT CAN WE REALLY BE SURE THAT IT WILL GO SO SMOOTHLY?
Kawai-san_
WHAT?! HARIMOTO! IT'S US WHO SHOULD BE SAYING THAT AFTER YOUR SHENANIGANS!!!
!!

TANINAKA, SAEKI, SHIMOHARADA...
I'M SURE THOSE THREE WILL TRY TO SEIZE THE CARDS IF I DISCARD THEM.
!!
THEY HAVE 5 CARDS BUT STILL HAVE NO RANKING.
HOWEVER, IF THEY MANAGE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON 5 MORE CARDS, THEY'LL GET RANKED FOR SURE
I HAVE NO DOUBT THOSE THREE WON'T SIT STILL AND LET SUCH A CHANCE PASS BY
D-
DON'CHA GO ASSUMING WHAT WE'LL DO AS IF YOU KNOW THAT!!!
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T GO ALONG WITH YOUR IDEA.
HARIMOTO-SAN...
KU KU KU ...
AS EXPECTED FROM SILVER-TONGUED HARIMOTO, HE EXPERTLY DODGED HAVING TO AGREE...
IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY...
...IS THAT YOU'D AGREE TO KANZAKI'S PROPOSAL IF YOU HAVE A GUARANTEE THAT THOSE THREE WON'T SNATCH THE CARDS YOU'LL DISCARD IS MY UNDERSTANDING CORRECT?
HAH? WELL, YES, BASICALLY...
THEN IT SIMPLIFIES EVERYTHING.

YASUKAWA, KAWAI, BID 231 COINS ON THE CARD SETS WE'LL DISCARD.
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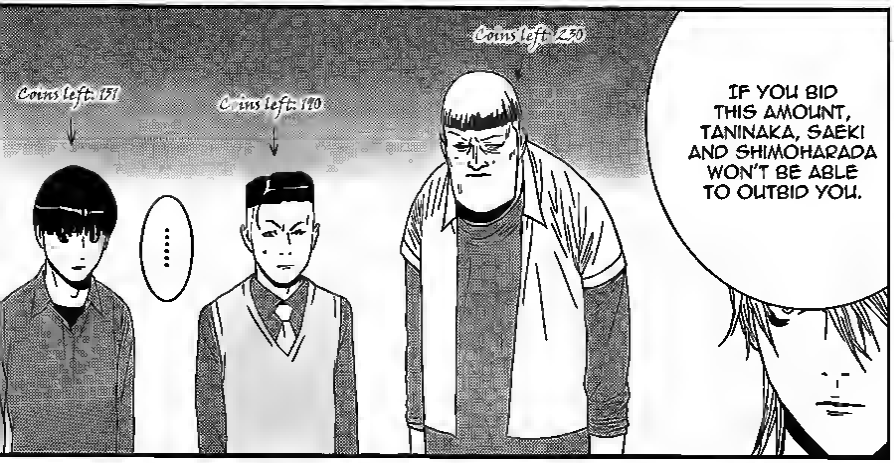

Coins left: 250
Coins left: 171
Coins left: 140
IF YOU BID THIS AMOUNT, TANINAKA, SAEKI AND SHIMOHARADA WON'T BE ABLE TO OUTBID YOU.
.....

But paying 231 coins is quite risanc_
I don't think Yasukawa and Kawai will agree to that_

AH... TRUE!
IF WE DO IT LIKE THAT, HARIMOTO-SAN, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DISCARD WITH AN EASY HEART, RIGHT?
Ugh_

Ugh...
I'LL GLADLY PAY UP 231 COINS TO GET ME 5 CARDS!
I WILL! I SURE WILL!
THERE'RE STILL TWO PEOPLE AMONG YOU WHOM I CANNOT TRUST.
NO, NO.
KU KU KU!
!!
IT'S YOU TWO.
AKIYAMA, KANZAKI.
I HAVE ALREADY TOLD EVERYONE ALREADY. HAVE I NOT! I HAVE NO DEBTS, SO I HAVE NO NEED TO STAY IN THE GAME!
I WILL NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
I CAN'T DISREGARD THE POSSIBILITY OF YOU SNATCHING THE CARDS.
AKIYAMA, YOU HAVE 295 COINS LEFT, AND KANZAKI, YOU HAVE 312 COINS... BOTH OF YOU CAN AFFORD TO BID MORE THAN 231 COINS.

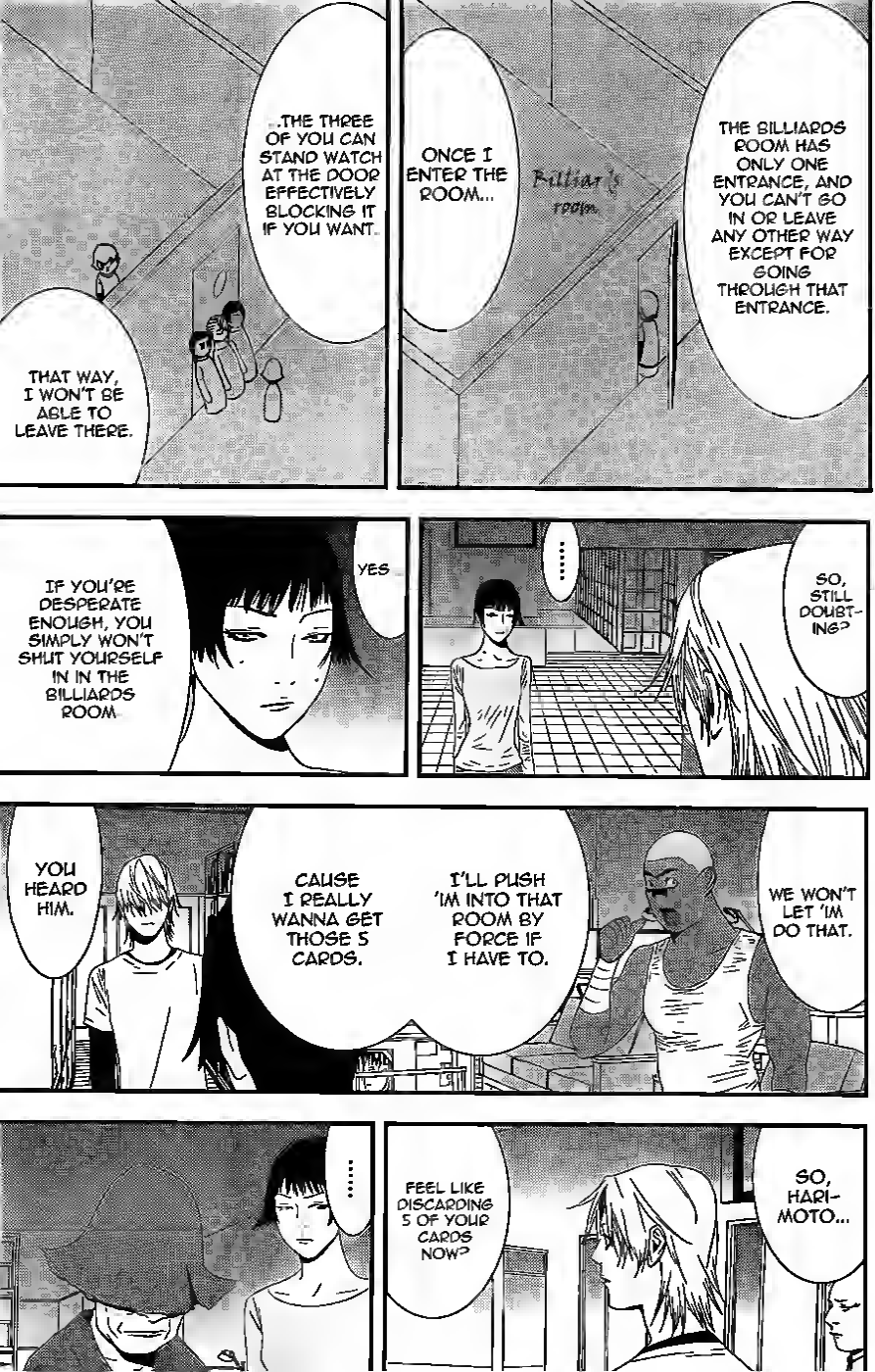
I WONDER ABOUT THAT
OH, REALLY?
is not that kind of person
Eh_?
Akiyama-san is not_
BUT WHAT ABOUT AKIYAMA?
?
I WANNA SUGGEST A METHOD TO DO THIS
HARIMOTO
IT'S OK. I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE
No you should not...
3
AND THEN, AFTER THE TABLETS EXCHANGE, I'LL LEAVE THE HALL AND GO LOCK MYSELF IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM
HERE
BILLIARDS ROOM
HALL
(THE PLAYERS ARE GATHERED IN THE HALL)
2
AFTER I'M FINISHED DISCARDING THE CARDS, ME AND KANZAKI NAO EXCHANGE OUR TABLETS
1
FIRST, I'LL DISCARD 5 CARDS I HAVE NO USE FOR HOLDING MY TABLET IN A WAY SO THAT THE OTHER PLAYERS COULD SEE WHAT I'M DOING
!!
NO! WE STILL CAN'T TRUST YOU!
WITH A METHOD LIKE THIS, WHEN BIDDING STARTS, NEITHER ME OR KANZAKI WILL BE ABLE TO INTERFERE WITH IT.
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
Mmm_

IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT, YOU CAN EXCHANGE THE TABLETS BACK AGAIN. BREAKING AWAY FROM THOSE WATCHING YOU, FOR EXAMPLE.
AND THEN JUST AGRESSIVELY OUTBID EVERYONE, SEIZING THE CARDS

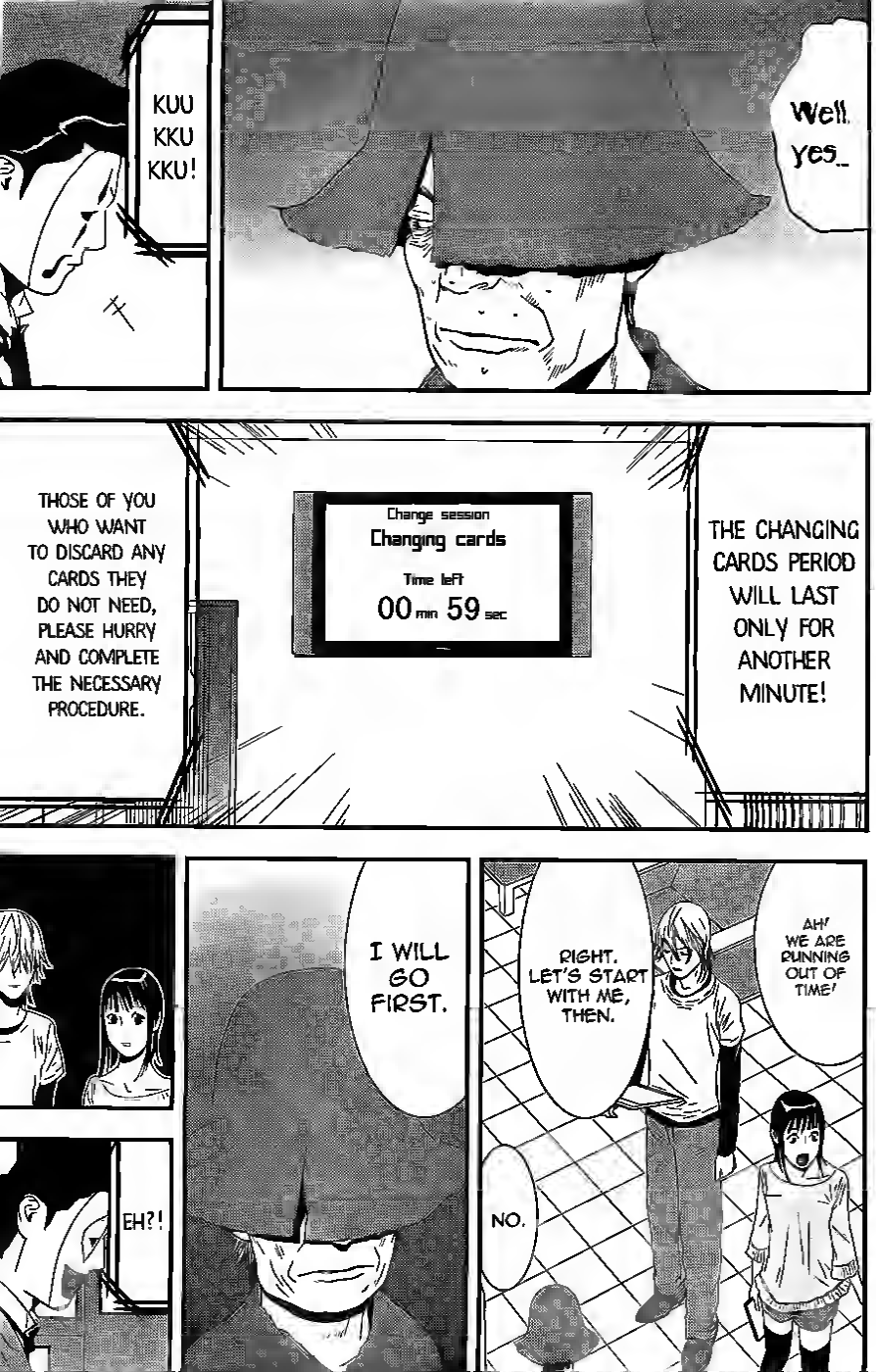
JUST REMEMBER THE CHAOS DURING THE DEALING STAGE.
IN THE END, HUMANS ARE CREATURES WHO CAN EASILY GO BACK ON SOMETHING AS FLIMSY AS THEIR PROMISES WHEN THERE'S PERSONAL GAIN INVOLVED.

I SAID, 'AFTER THE TABLETS EXCHANGE, I'LL LEAVE THE HALL
AND GO LOCK MYSELF IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM.'
!!

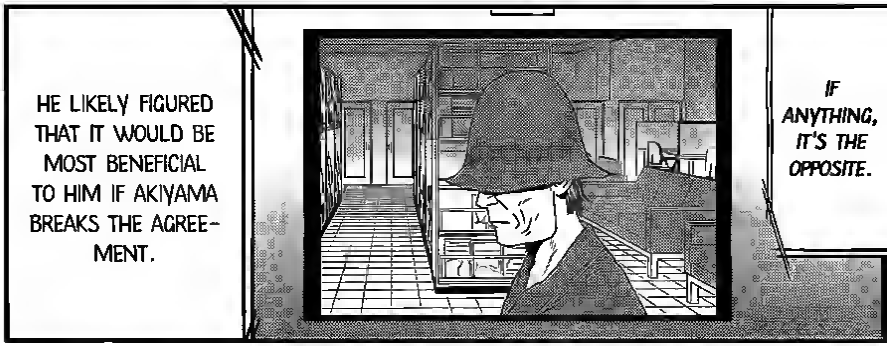
NO, THAT WON'T HAPPEN
RECALL THE EXACT WORDS I SAID.

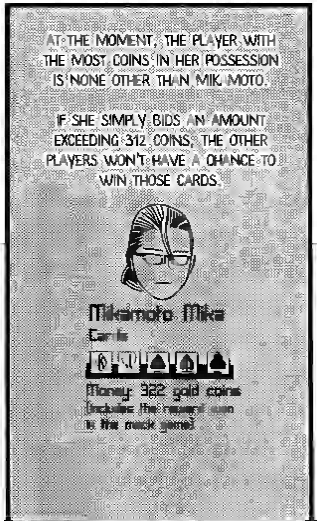

THE BILLIARDS ROOM HAS ONLY ONE ENTRANCE, AND YOU CAN'T GO IN OR LEAVE ANY OTHER WAY EXCEPT FOR GOING THROUGH THAT ENTRANCE.
Billiard's room
ONCE I ENTER THE ROOM...
...THE THREE OF YOU CAN STAND WATCH AT THE DOOR EFFECTIVELY BLOCKING IT IF YOU WANT.
THAT WAY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE THERE.
SO, STILL DOUBTING?
.....
YES
IF YOU'RE DESPERATE ENOUGH, YOU SIMPLY WON'T SHUT YOURSELF IN IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM
WE WON'T LET 'IM DO THAT.
I'LL PUSH 'IM INTO THAT ROOM BY FORCE IF I HAVE TO.
CAUSE I REALLY WANNA GET THOSE 5 CARDS.
YOU HEARD HIM.
SO, HARIMOTO...
FEEL LIKE DISCARDING 5 OF YOUR CARDS NOW?
.....

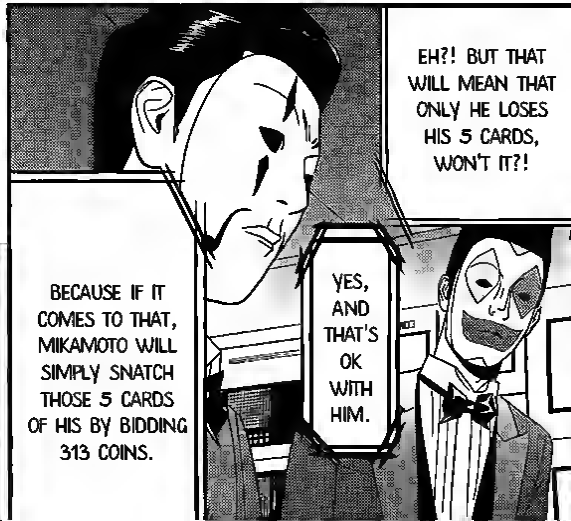
I'LL DO IT.
FINE.
WOW! COOL!
DON'T BE SO HAPPY JUST YET. DON'T BELIEVE EVERY WORD THOSE GUYS SAY
SINCE HARIMOTO'S GROUP CAN ALWAYS BREAK THAT AGREEMENT, YOU KNOW.
NO, THEY WILL NOT.
HARIMOTO-SAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNITED BY RELIGION.
THEY WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ACT DISHONESTLY ON THEIR OWN VOLITION!
AM I RIGHT?
Huh?


KUU KKU KKU!
Well, yes...
THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO DISCARD ANY CARDS THEY DO NOT NEED, PLEASE HURRY AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY PROCEDURE.
Change session
Changing cards
Time left
00 min 59 sec
THE CHANGING CARDS PERIOD WILL LAST ONLY FOR ANOTHER MINUTE!
EH?!
I WILL GO FIRST.
NO.
RIGHT. LET'S START WITH ME, THEN.
AH! WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!

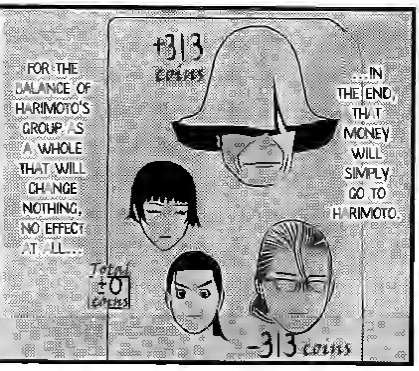
NO, THAT'S NOT THE CASE.
HARIMOTO IS NOW FULLY TRUSTING AKIYAMA ALL OF A SUDDEN, OR WHAT?
IF HARIMOTO DISCARDS FIRST, IT WILL LEAVE AKIYAMA THE CHANCE TO JUST SAY, 'AH, RIGHT, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND', AND NOT TO DISCARD ANYTHING!!!

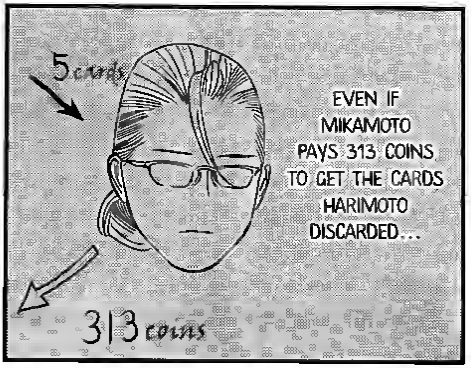

HE LIKELY FIGURED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO HIM IF AKIYAMA BREAKS THE AGREEMENT.
IF ANYTHING, IT'S THE OPPOSITE.


AT THE MOMENT, THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST COINS IN HER POSSESSION IS NONE OTHER THAN MIKAMOTO.
IF SHE SIMPLY BIDS AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING 312 COINS, THE OTHER PLAYERS WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THOSE CARDS.
Mikamoto Mika
Cards
Money: 322 gold coins (Including the reward won in the mock game)


BECAUSE IF IT COMES TO THAT, MIKAMOTO WILL SIMPLY SNATCH THOSE 5 CARDS OF HIS BY BIDDING 313 COINS.
YES, AND THAT'S OK WITH HIM.
EH?! BUT THAT WILL MEAN THAT ONLY HE LOSES HIS 5 CARDS, WON'T IT?!

AH, I SEE.
WHAT IS CRUTIAL HERE IS THAT THOSE FOUR CAN THINK AND ACT AS ONE.


FOR THE BALANCE OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP AS A WHOLE THAT WILL CHANGE NOTHING, NO EFFECT AT ALL...
+313 coins
...IN THE END, THAT MONEY WILL SIMPLY GO TO HARIMOTO.
Total ±0 coins
-313 coins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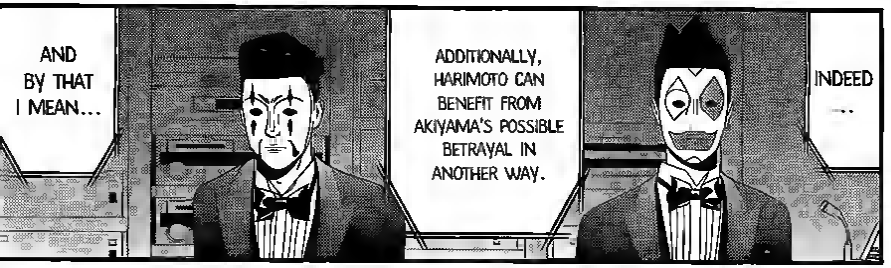
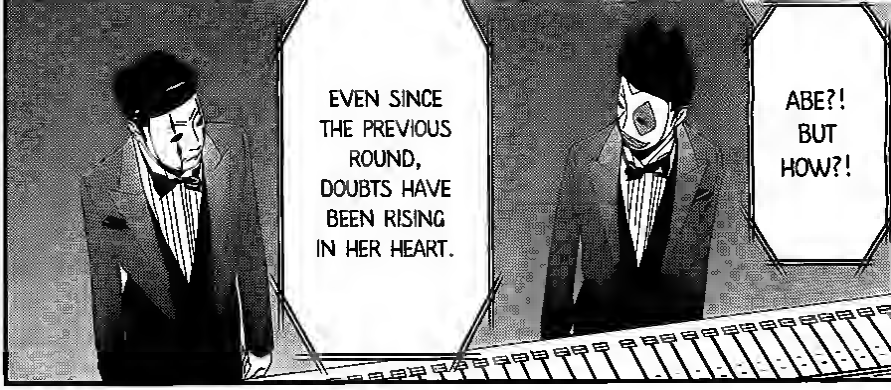
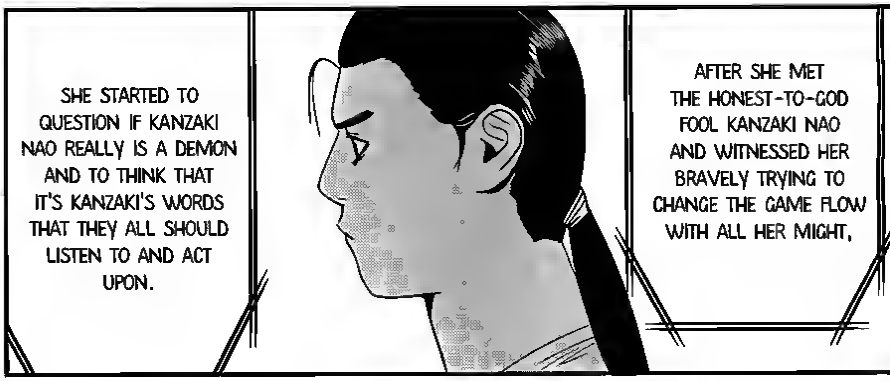
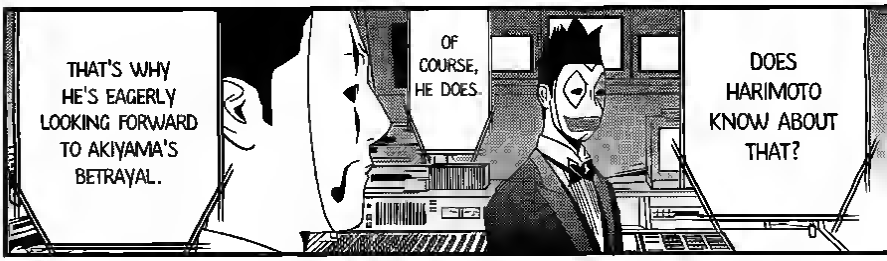
EVEN IF MIKAMOTO PAYS 313 COINS TO GET THE CARDS HARIMOTO DISCARDED...
313 coins

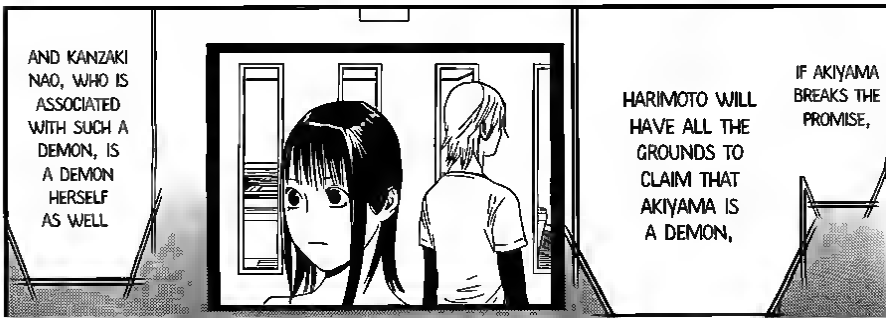

AND BY THAT I MEAN...
ADDITIONALLY, HARIMOTO CAN BENEFIT FROM AKIYAMA'S POSSIBLE BETRAYAL IN ANOTHER WAY.
INDEED...

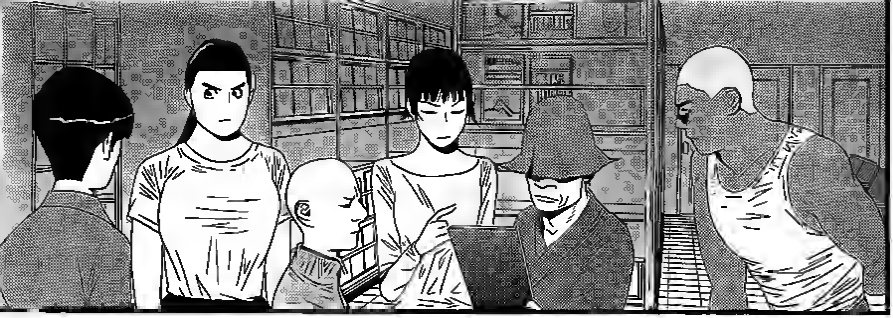
...HER.

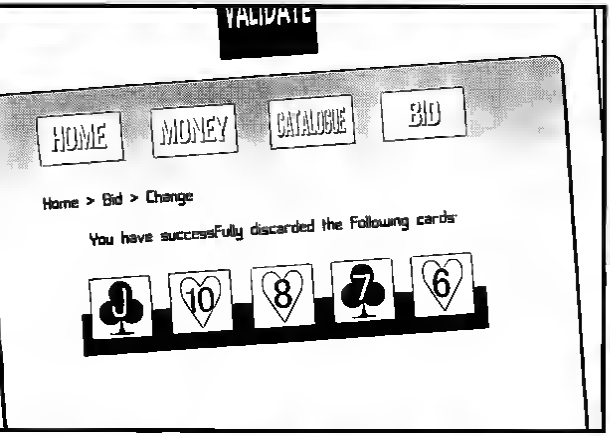

EVEN SINCE THE PREVIOUS ROUND, DOUBTS HAVE BEEN RISING IN HER HEART.
ABE?! BUT HOW?!


SHE STARTED TO QUESTION IF KANZAKI NAO REALLY IS A DEMON AND TO THINK THAT IT'S KANZAKI'S WORDS THAT THEY ALL SHOULD LISTEN TO AND ACT UPON.
AFTER SHE MET THE HONEST-TO-GOD FOOL KANZAKI NAO AND WITNESSED HER BRAVELY TRYING TO CHANGE THE GAME FLOW WITH ALL HER MIGHT,


THAT'S WHY HE'S EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO AKIYAMA'S BETRAYAL.
OF COURSE, HE DOES.
DOES HARIMOTO KNOW ABOUT THAT?


AND KANZAKI NAO, WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A DEMON, IS A DEMON HERSELF AS WELL
HARIMOTO WILL HAVE ALL THE GROUNDS TO CLAIM THAT AKIYAMA IS A DEMON,
IF AKIYAMA BREAKS THE PROMISE,

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CATALOGUE
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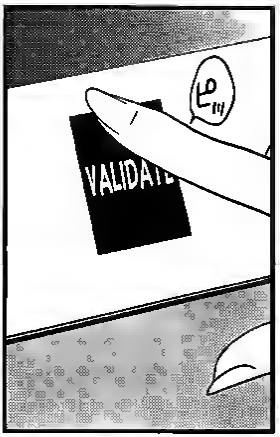
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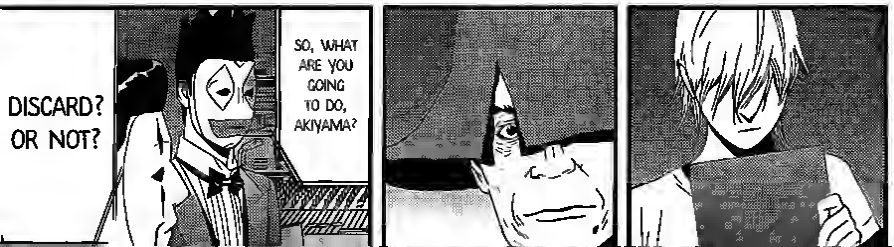
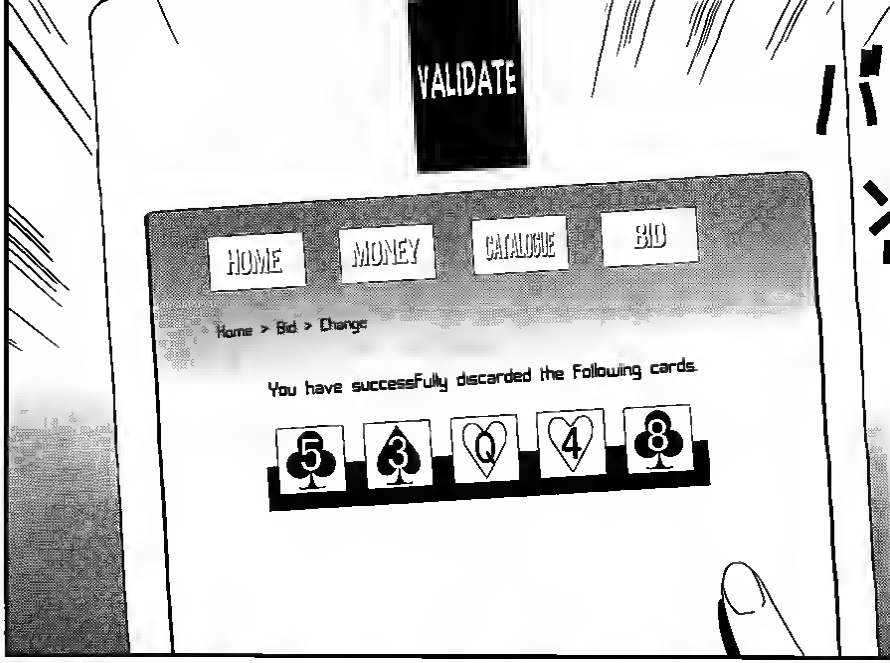
YOUR TURN, AKIYAMA, BE MY GUEST.
HERE, I HAVE DISCARDED 5 OF MY CARDS, AS WE DISCUSSED


DISCARD? OR NOT?
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, AKIYAMA?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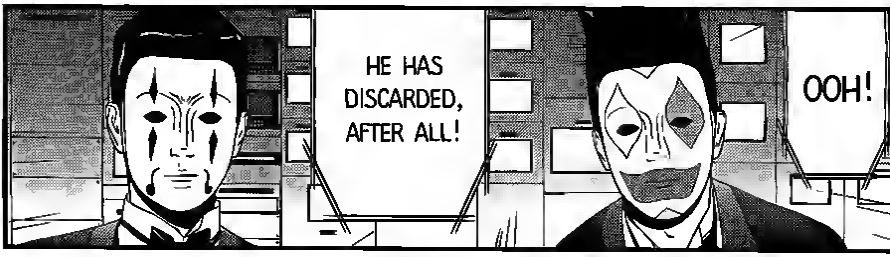
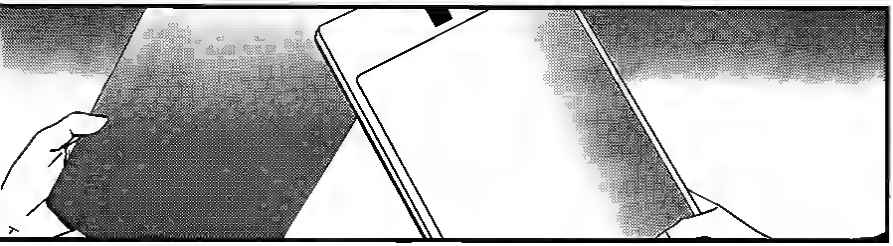
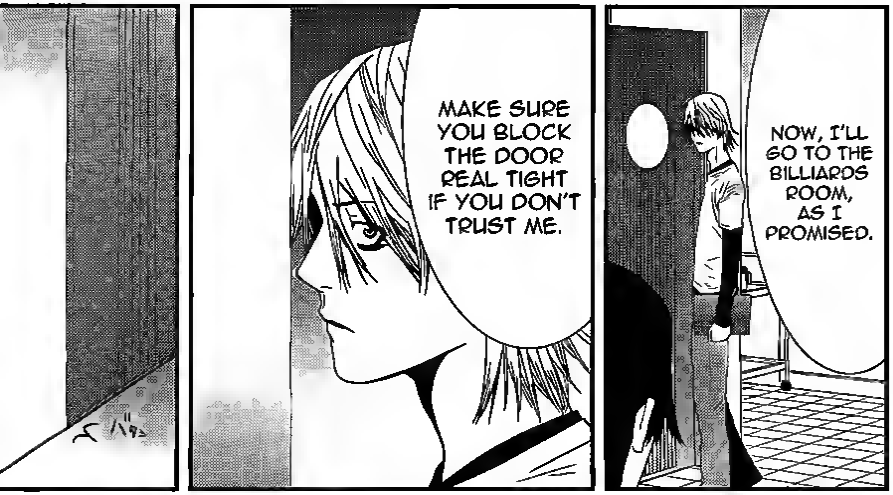

HE HAS DISCARDED, AFTER ALL!
OOH!

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING UP MY SLEEVE
OH WELL DOESN'T MATTER

SO HE CHOSE TO KEEP THE PROMISE HUH
HOO

YOUR TIME IS UP!
Change session
Changing cards
Time left
00 min 00 sec





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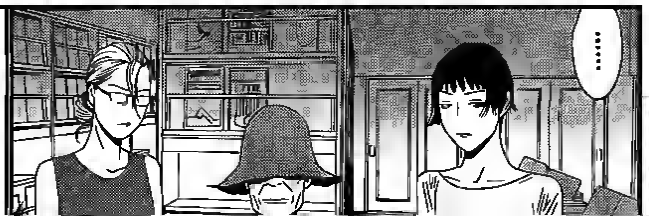

Change session
Session 1
Lot Catalogue
Lot A
Lot B
ATTENTION TO THE FRONT MONITOR PLEASE!!!
YOUR 30 MINUTE CONSIDERATION TIME...
NOW THEN, YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER YOUR CHOICES BEFORE THE SUBSEQUENT BIDDING BEGINS.
.....
...STARTS NOW!
◆THE FATEFUL 30 MINUTES◆
[LIAR GAME] IS IN THE END
NEXT TIME, AKIYAMA'S "TRUE INTENTION IS REVEALED?!

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Chapter 155
Falsehood

He's cut off completely, yet still pulls the strings.

The situation described by these simple words is now.

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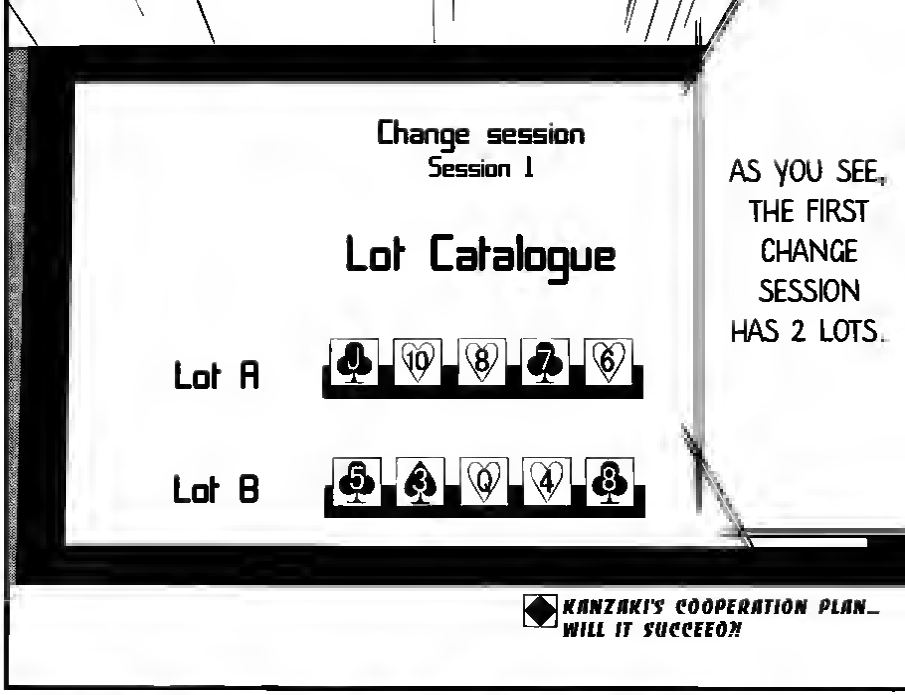
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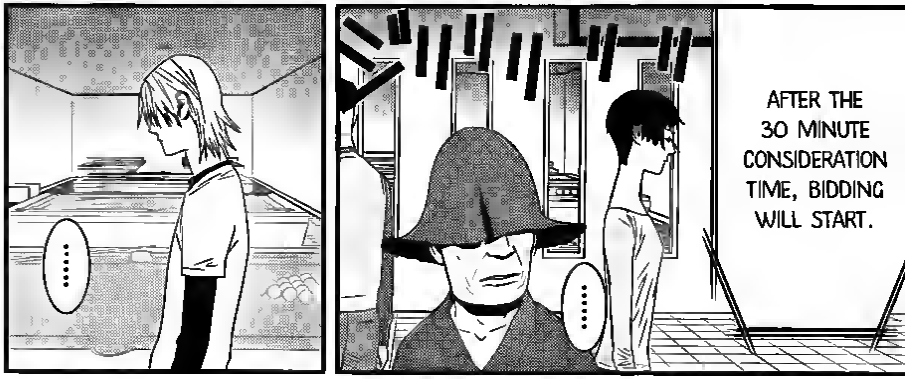
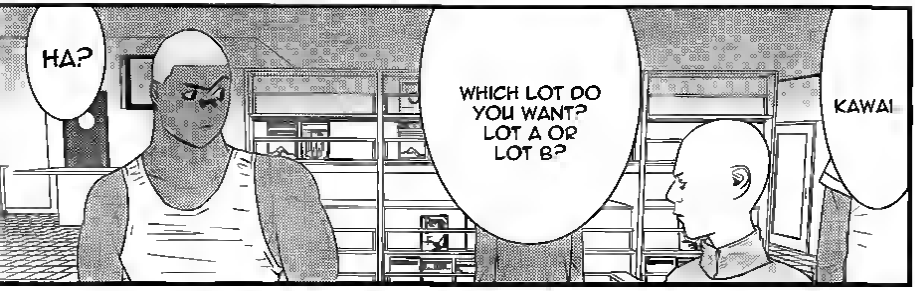
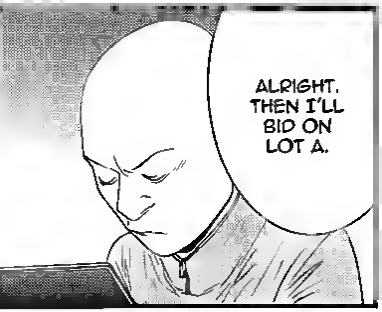
AS YOU SEE, THE FIRST CHANGE SESSION HAS 2 LOTS.
KANZAKI'S COOPERATION PLAN... WILL IT SUCCEED?!


AFTER THE 30 MINUTE CONSIDERATION TIME, BIDDING WILL START.

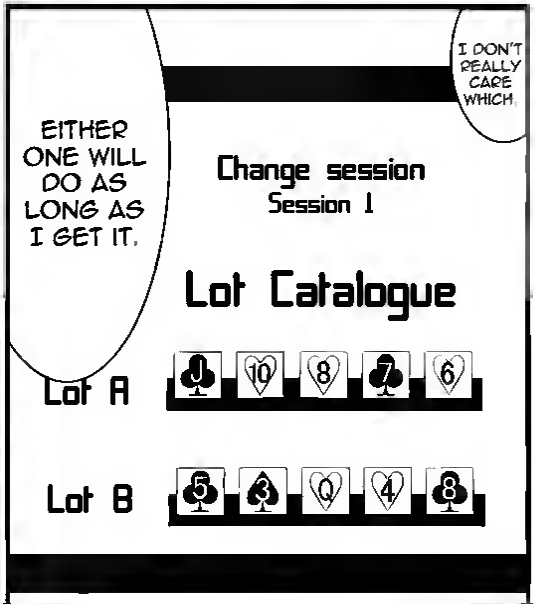
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE'VE MANAGED TO GET THE TWO TO DISCARD THEI 5 EXTRA CARDS EACH OF THEM HAS PROPERLY!
SUCCESS!

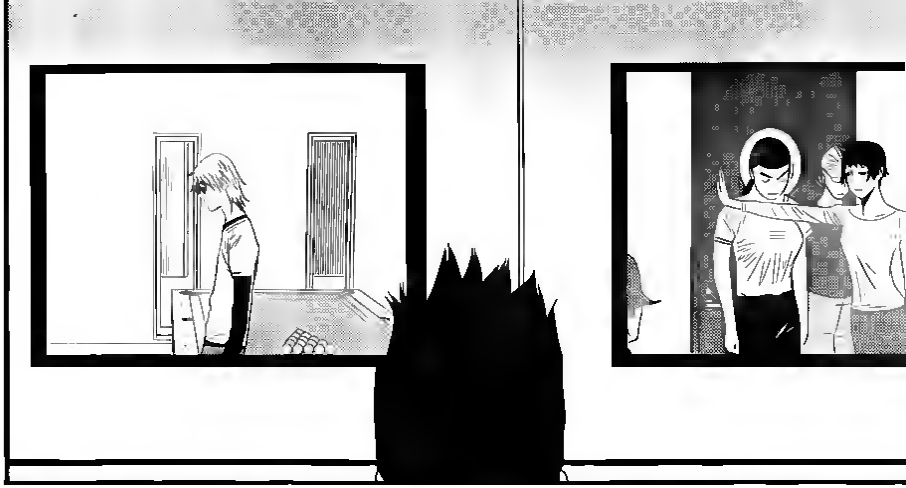
THE WAY TO SAVE EVERYBODY WILL OPEN!
NOW, IF THOSE TWO CARDSETS SAFELY MAKE IT INTO YASUKAWA-SAN AND KAWAI-SAN'S HANDS,


HA?
WHICH LOT DO YOU WANT? LOT A OR LOT B?
KAWAI


ALRIGHT. THEN I'LL BID ON LOT A.

OK.
I'LL TAKE LOT B THEN.


I DON'T REALLY CARE WHICH.
EITHER ONE WILL DO AS LONG AS I GET IT.
Change session
Session 1
Lot Catalogue
Lot A
Lot B



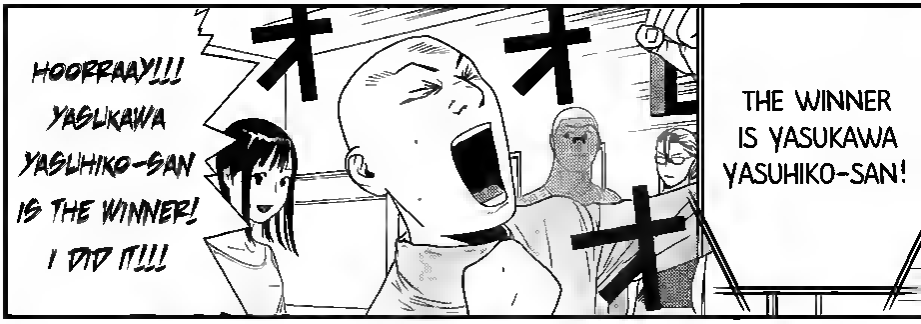
HE'S BEEN DOING PRETTY MUCH NOTHING IN THE BILLIARDS ROOM.
WHAT IS AKIYAMA DOING?

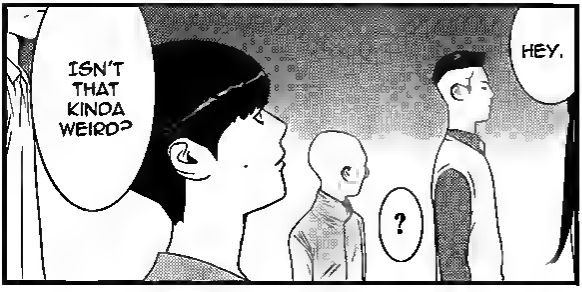
WHAT ABOUT HARIMOTO'S GROUP?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S MAKING ANY MOVES FOR NOW.
ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS HE'S BEEN HAVING HUSHED CONVERSATIONS WITH KANZAKI FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH THE GLASS.

AS FOR HARIMOTO, HE'S STANDING A LITTLE FARTHER AWAY FROM THE GROUP, WATCHING AKIYAMA AND THE OTHER PLAYERS.
THE THREE FEMALES ARE GUARDING THE DOOR CLOSELY.

HM...
SO NO ONE'S KEEN ON TRYING ANYTHING UNTIL BIDDING FOR LOT A OPENS, HUH...
!!
BIDS ON LOT A ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED!
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE FRONT MONITOR.
WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE ANNOUNCE-MENT OF THE BIDDERS AND THE WINNER.

Change session
Session 1
Lot A
Bidders:
Yasukawa Yasuhiko 233 gold coins
Winner:
Yasukawa Yasuhiko


HOORRAAY!!! YASUKAWA YASUHIKO-SAN IS THE WINNER! I DID IT!!!
THE WINNER IS YASUKAWA YASUHIKO-SAN!


ISN'T THAT KINDA WEIRD?
HEY.
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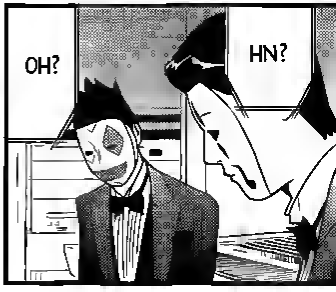
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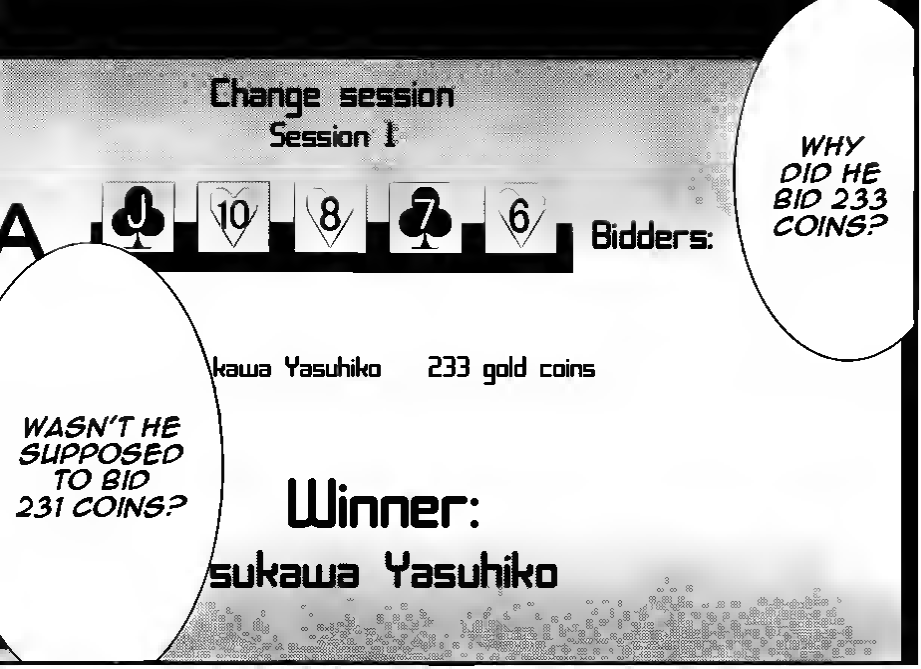
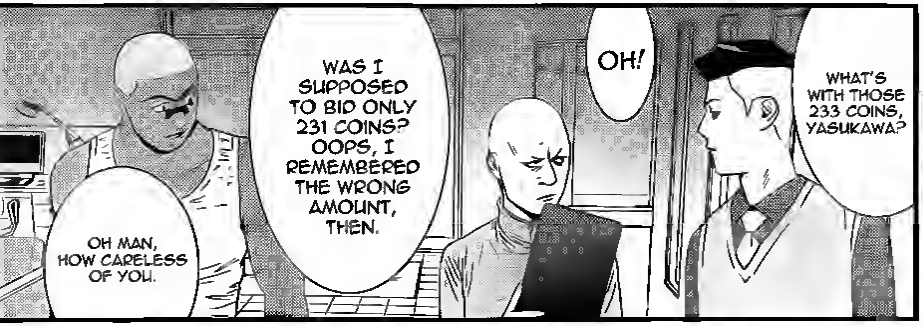
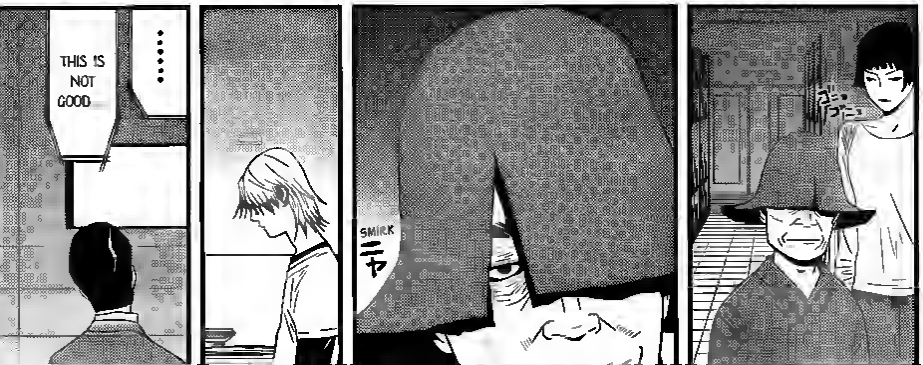

Change session
Session 1
A
Bidders:
WHY DID HE BID 233 COINS?
kawa Yasuhiko 233 gold coins
WASN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BID 231 COINS?
Winner:
sukawa Yasuhiko


OH MAN, HOW CARELESS OF YOU.
WAS I SUPPOSED TO BID ONLY 231 COINS? OOPS, I REMEMBERED THE WRONG AMOUNT, THEN.
OH!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE 233 COINS, YASUKAWA?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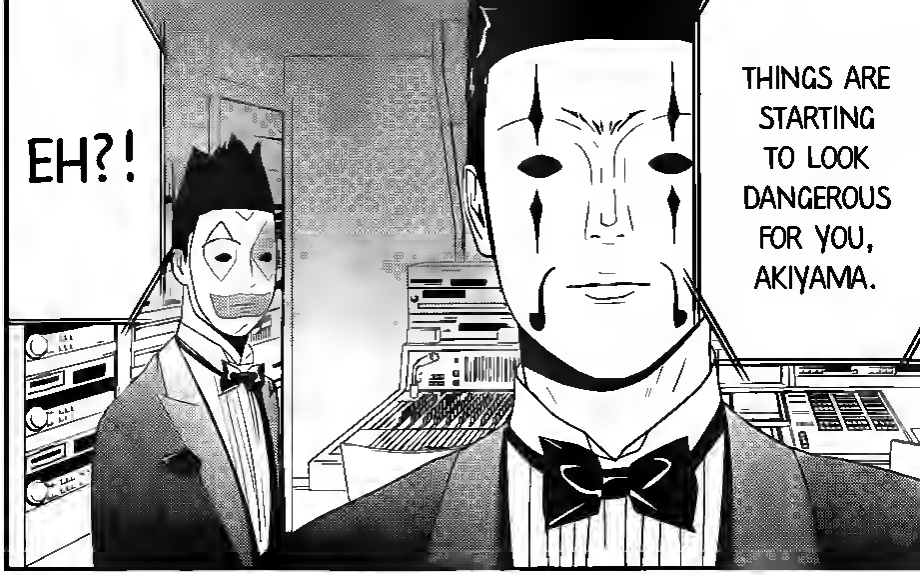
EH?!
THINGS ARE STARTING TO LOOK DANGEROUS FOR YOU, AKIYAMA.

YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES TO PLACE YOUR BIDS,
WE ARE MOVING ON TO THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT B.

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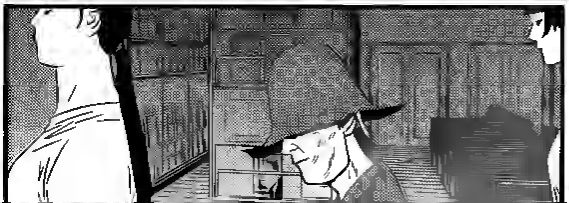

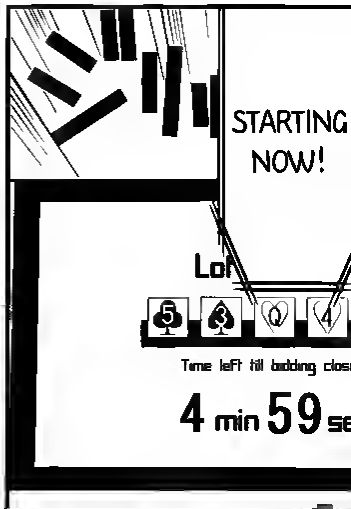
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Time left till bidding clos
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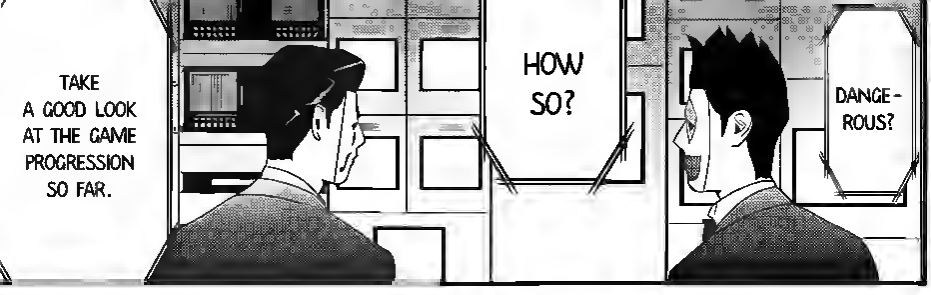

WANTS TO SAVE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.

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FOR THAT, THE VERY FIRST THING NEEDED IS FOR ALL THE PLAYERS, EXCEPT HERSELF, TO HAVE 5 CARDS.

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BUT KAWAI-SAN AND YASUKAWA-SAN HAVE NO CARDS! IF THINGS ARE LEFT LIKE THAT, THEY WILL LOSE FOR SURE!

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LET'S ASK THE TWO PLAYERS, AKIYAMA-SAN AND HARIMOTO-SAN, WHO HAVE 10 OR MORE CARDS, TO DISCARD 5 EXTRA CARDS THEY HAVE NO NEED FOR!

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HARIMOTO-SAN IS A BELIEVER, IT IS IN HIS JOB DESCRIPTION TO ADVOCATE THE RIGHTEOUS LIFESTYLE, SO THERE IS NO WAY HE WOULD OBJECT TO THE IDEA OF SAVING EVERYBODY.

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SUCCESS ← ATM HERE

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KAWAI-SAN AND YASUKAWA-SAN EACH GET 5 DISCARDED CARDS THROUGH BIDDING.

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ALL THE PLAYERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HERSELF, NOW HAVE 5 CARDS EACH!

ON THE OTHER HAND, HARIMOTO'S POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE LIKE THIS:

THE GOAL WAS TO SEIZE ALL 11 CARDSETS DURING THE DEALING SESSION;
WHEN HARIMOTO GOT BACK FROM HIS FORCED EXILE, HE HAD 2 CARD SETS, CONSISTING OF 11 CARDS, WHICH GAVE HIM SECOND PLACE.

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THAT KIND OF DEVELOPMENT IS NEARLY IDEAL, BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, HE'S IN NO DANGER OF LOSING ANYMORE.

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HOWEVER, SIMPLY 'NOT LOSING' IS NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM, HIS GOAL IS TO WIN AN 'OVERWHELMING VICTORY'.

FOR THAT, HE NEEDS TO:

① IMPROVE HIS HAND AND HIS STANDING ENOUGH TO PLACE 1ST.

② IMPROVE THE HANDS OF HIS 3 FOLLOWERS SO THAT THEY ALL COULD BE RANKED, WITH ANY TWO OF THEM PLACING 2ND AND 3RD.

③ TAKE ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM THE OTHER PLAYERS HAS NO PLACEMENT, THUS, BECOMING THE LOSER.

THIS GAME HAS A RULE THAT THE MORE LOSERS (THE PLAYERS IN THE LAST PLACE) THERE ARE, THE MORE THEIR DEBTS GROW, ADDING TO THE PRIZE MONEY THAT THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST 3 PLACES WILL GET.

IT WAS MORE OR LESS SETTLED THAT KANZAKI, KAWAI AND YASUKAWA DO NOT QUALIFY TO GET RANKED.

HE WANTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHOUT RANKING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

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SUDDENLY, KANZAKI SUGGESTS HE SHOULD DISCARD 5 OF HIS EXTRA CARDS.

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EVEN THOUGH THOSE 5 CARDS ARE OF NO USE TO HIM, IF HE SIMPLY DISCARDS THEM, IT WILL BECOME A BIG OBSTACLE TO IMPROVING THE HANDS OF HIS GROUP'S MEMBERS. ADDITIONALLY, HE FEARS THAT THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WITHOUT PLACEMENT WILL DROP SHARPLY.

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KANZAKI'S SUGGESTION IS UNACCEPTABLE, BUT IF HE DECLINES IT, ABE'S DISTRUST WILL REACH DANGEROUS LEVELS.

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HE DISCARDS 5 CARDS RELUCTUNTLY.

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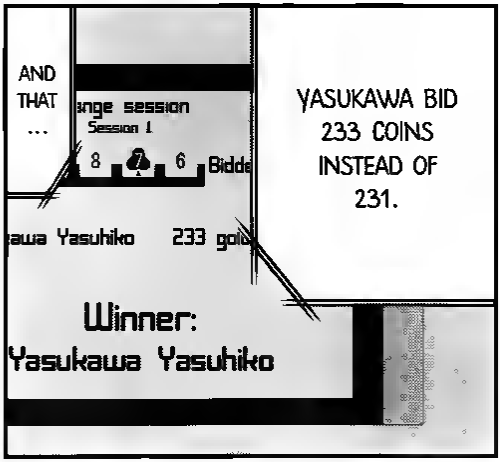
BUT HE KEEPS SEEKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET 5 CARDS BACK. ←ATM HERE

AND HE FOUND SUCH A PRETEXT IN THE PERVIOUS BIDDING PERIOD.
YES.
SO THAT MEANS HE'S BEEN SEARCHING FOR A PRETEXT FOR HIS GROUP TO REPLACE THE 5 CARDS HE WAS FORCED TO DISCARD, IS THAT CORRECT?

EEH?!
...GAVE HARIMOTO'S GROUP A PERFECT PRETEXT.


AND THAT ...
Session 1
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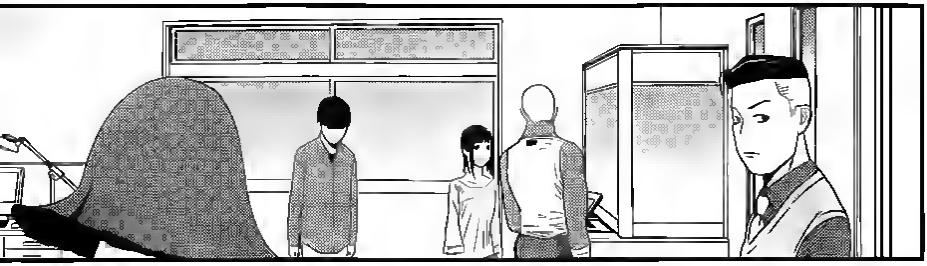
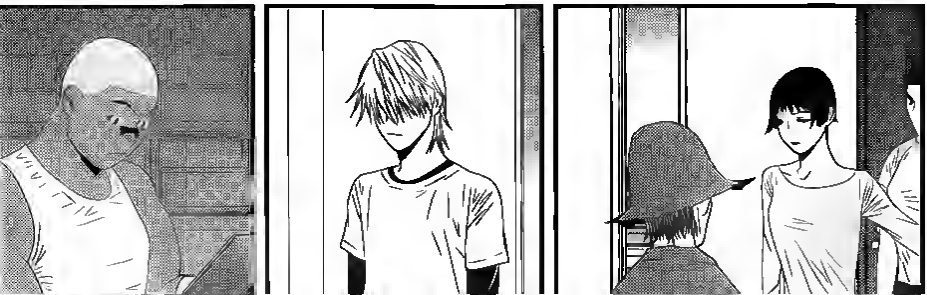
233 gold
Winner:
Yasukawa Yasuhiko
YASUKAWA BID 233 COINS INSTEAD OF 231.





THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT B IS OVER!
ATTENTION TO THE FRONT MONITOR PLEASE!
Change session
Session 1
Lot B
Bidding CLOSED
THE BIDDERS AND THE WINNER WILL BE REVEALED SHORTLY!
Change session
Session 1
Lot B
Bidders

Change session
Session 1
Lot B
Bidders:
Kawai Tatsuya 300 gold coins
Mikamoto Mika 301 gold coins
Winner:
Mikamoto Mika
Mikamoto Mika 301 gols coins
HUH?!
Winner:
Mikamoto Mika
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME!!!
LOT B GOES TO MIKAMITO MIKA-SAN!

HEY, HARIMOTO!!! WHAT THE HELL'S WITH THIS, HUH?!
YOU PROMISED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH BIDDING!!! WHY THE HELL YOU DECIDED TO BREAK YOUR PROMISE?!
HMPH.
THE ONES WHO BROKE THE PROMISE FIRST
ARE YOU, YOU KNOW.
!?
WE STIPULATED THAT YASUKAWA WOULD BID 231 COINS.
BUT ONCE THE RESULTS WERE REVEALED, WHAT DID WE SEE?
233 gold coins
HE BID 233 COINS, THAT IS, 2 COINS MORE THAN STIPULATED.
I JUST MADE A LITTLE MISTAKE WITH THE AMOUNT, IS ALL!
SO WHAT?! THANKS TO HIS CARELESSNESS, THE ONE WHO DISCARDED THOSE CARDS - YOU, THAT IS - GOT 2 EXTRA COINS FOR THEM! WHAT'S BAD ABOUT THAT?! YOU GOT LUCKY, IN MY OPINION!
THIS IS NOT WHERE THE PROBLEM LIES
THIS PROBLEM IS NOT WITH THOSE 2 COINS
BUT WITH YASUKAWA'S SMALL HEARTEDNESS WHICH IS HIDDEN BEHIND THAT SO-CALLED BLUNDER OF HIS.
?
YASUKAWA.
WHY DON'T YOU TELL US THE REAL REASON WHY YOU BID 233 COINS?

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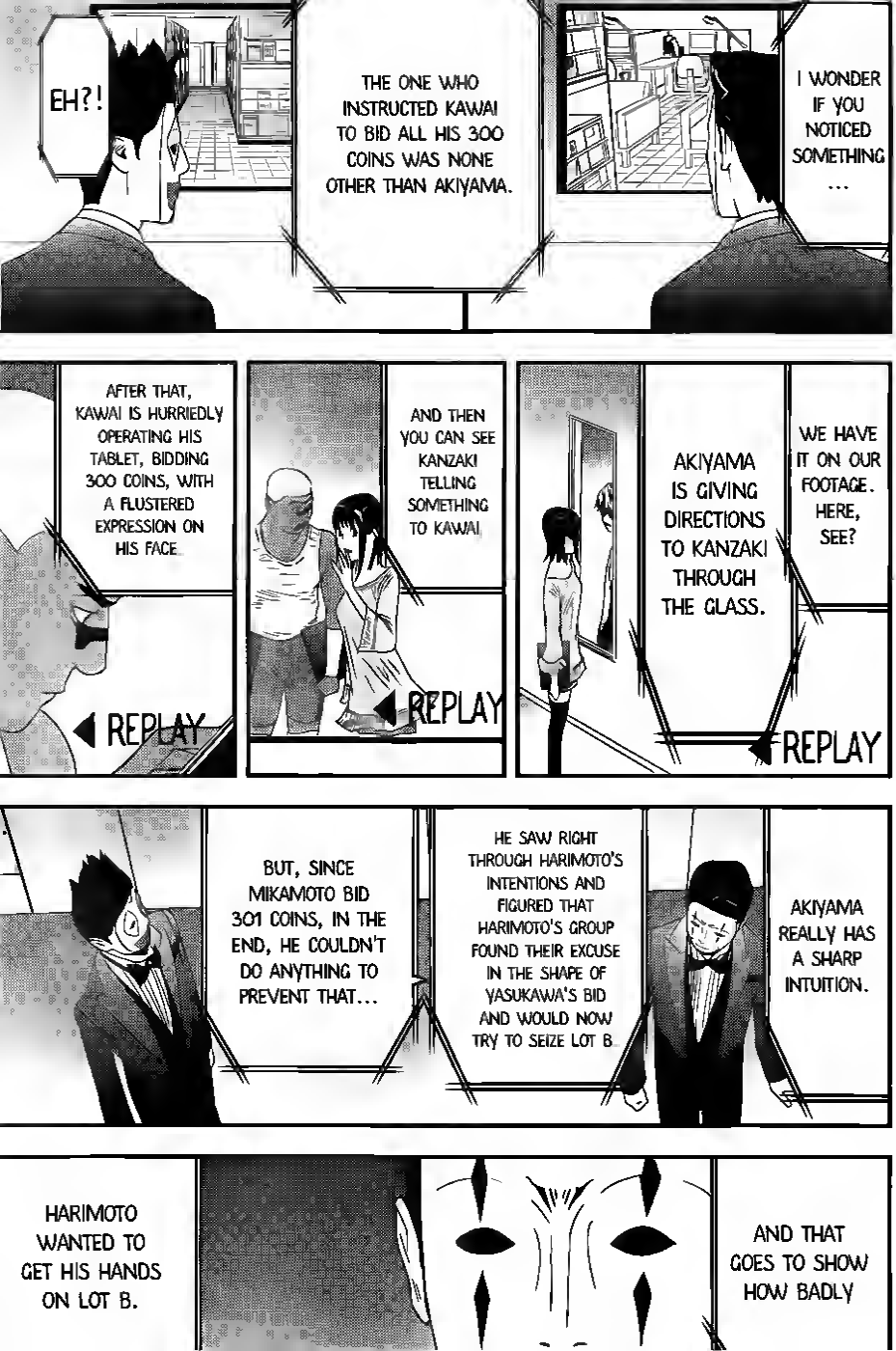
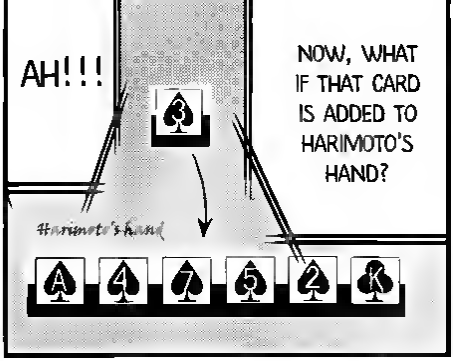
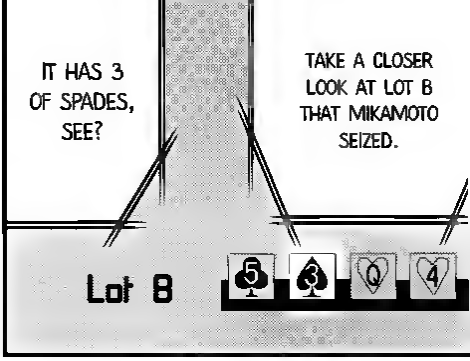
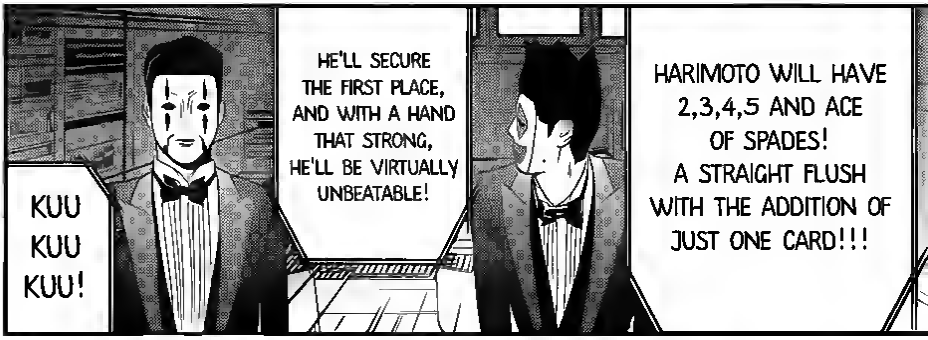
THAT'S WHY YOU ADDED ANOTHER COIN TO THE AMOUNT YOU THOUGHT WE WOULD BID TO MAKE SURE YOU'D WIN THE LOT ANYWAY, AM I WRONG?
YOU WERE SURE THAT IF YOU HAD BID 231 COINS, AS WAS STIPULATED, WE WOULD HAVE OUTBID YOU BY BIDDING 232 COINS, 1 COIN MORE THAN YOUR BID.
KUU KUU KUU!
HARIMOTO BRILLIANTLY PLAYED THE 'YOU BETRAYED ME FIRST' CARD FOR HIS EXCUSE!
AAAH!
WELL, IF I'M THINKING TOO MUCH INTO IT, THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE BID FOR LOT 8?
I AGREE! YOU ARE THINKING TOO MUCH INTO IT, HARIMOTO-SAN!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... YOU'RE MIS-UNDERSTAND-ING THINGS HERE...
...YET HE BID 300! EVERY COIN HE HAD!
Change session
Session 1
KAWAI WAS SUPPOSED TO BID ONLY 231 COINS...
Kawai Tatsuya 300 gold coins
Mikamoto Mika 301 gold coins
Winner:

ALL BECAUSE ...
...YOU HAVE BEEN DOUBTING US. WRONG?
.....
WE TRUSTED YOU WITH ALL OUR HEART AND EVEN AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR SUGGESTION...
YET THAT'S HOW UNFLUTTERINGLY YOU THINK OF US.
I'M GLAD WE TOOK PRECAUTIONS BY BIDDING 301 COINS WHEN WE SAW THE SIGNS OF KAWAI'S BETRAYAL... IF KAWAI HAD WON THOSE 5 CARDS, YOU ALL WOULD HAVE CRUELLY STOMPED US WITHOUT ANY SECOND THOUGHTS.
FROM NOW ON, WE ABSOLUTELY WON'T COOPERATE WITH YOU.
HARI-MOTO-SAN...


EH?!
THE ONE WHO INSTRUCTED KAWAI TO BID ALL HIS 300 COINS WAS NONE OTHER THAN AKIYAMA.
I WONDER IF YOU NOTICED SOMETHING ...
AFTER THAT, KAWAI IS HURRIEDLY OPERATING HIS TABLET, BIDDING 300 COINS, WITH A FLUSTERED EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.
REPLAY
AND THEN YOU CAN SEE KANZAKI TELLING SOMETHING TO KAWAI.
REPLAY
AKIYAMA IS GIVING DIRECTIONS TO KANZAKI THROUGH THE GLASS.
WE HAVE IT ON OUR FOOTAGE. HERE, SEE?
REPLAY
BUT, SINCE MIKAMOTO BID 301 COINS, IN THE END, HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT THAT...
HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH HARIMOTO'S INTENTIONS AND FIGURED THAT HARIMOTO'S GROUP FOUND THEIR EXCUSE IN THE SHAPE OF YASUKAWA'S BID AND WOULD NOW TRY TO SEIZE LOT B.
AKIYAMA REALLY HAS A SHARP INTUITION.
HARIMOTO WANTED TO GET HIS HANDS ON LOT B.
AND THAT GOES TO SHOW HOW BADLY


AH!!!
NOW, WHAT IF THAT CARD IS ADDED TO HARIMOTO'S HAND?
#harimoto's hand


IT HAS 3 OF SPADES, SEE?
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT LOT B THAT MIKAMOTO SEIZED.
Lot B


KUU KUU KUU!
HE'LL SECURE THE FIRST PLACE, AND WITH A HAND THAT STRONG, HE'LL BE VIRTUALLY UNBEATABLE!
HARIMOTO WILL HAVE 2,3,4,5 AND ACE OF SPADES! A STRAIGHT FLUSH WITH THE ADDITION OF JUST ONE CARD!!!

AND NOW, HARIMOTO HAS SEIZED CONTROL OF THE GAME-FLOW.
YES, THIS IS BIG! DEVELOPMENT THAT HUGE IN JUST ONE MOVE!
THIS OLD MAN REALLY IS CRAFTY!

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END
WHAT WILL AKIYAMA DO ABOUT HARIMOTO'S FIRST ADVANCE?

A plan imbued with pure intentions.
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BECAUSE OF HARIMOTO'S REBELLION THE SCENE IS ON THE VERGE OF ERUPTING INTO FIGHTING AGAIN!
THE 1ST ROUND OF THE CHANGE SESSION WAS OVER.
HOW EVER
I REQUESTED HARIMOTO-SAN'S COOPERATION
FOR THAT, EVERYBODY, EXCLUDING MYSELF, NEEDED TO HAVE AT LEAST A ONE PAIR TO GET PLACEMENT IN THE FINAL RANKING
MY ONLY WISH WAS FOR EVERYBODY TO SAFELY CLEAR THAT CONSOLATION MATCH
HARIMOTO-SAN BROKE HIS PROMISE AGAIN
SHIIIIIIT!!!

VALIDATE

THE SITUATION IN THE GAME AT THAT MOMENT WAS LIKE THIS:

1st place	Akiyama Shin'ichi (Flush, money 596 coins)	
2nd place	Harimoto Takashi (Flush; money 233 coins)	
3rd place	Mikamoto Mika (one pair; money: 21 coins)	
No place	Abe Yukiyo (money. 299 coins)	
No place	Kimura Kei (money. 204 coins)	
No place	Taninaka Kouichi (money: 230 coins)	
No place	Shimoharada Osamu (money: 151 coins)	
No place	Saeki Kiyoshi (money. 190 coins)	
No place	Yasukawa Yasuhiko (money. 67 coins)	
No place	Kanzaki Nao (money: 312 coins)	
No place	Kawai Tatsuya (money: 300 coins)	

IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME!
I'M DONE FOR NOW, FOR SURE!
KAWAI-SAN
IT IS TOO E RLY TO FALL INTO DESPAIR!

I PROMISE I WILL SAVE YOU, KAWAI-SAN!
TRUST ME!

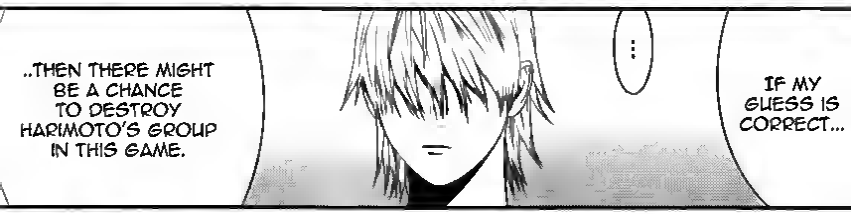
I AM GOING TO HARIMOTO-SAN.
TO ASK HIM ONE MORE TIME TO DISCARD 5 CARDS IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE CHANGE SESSION.

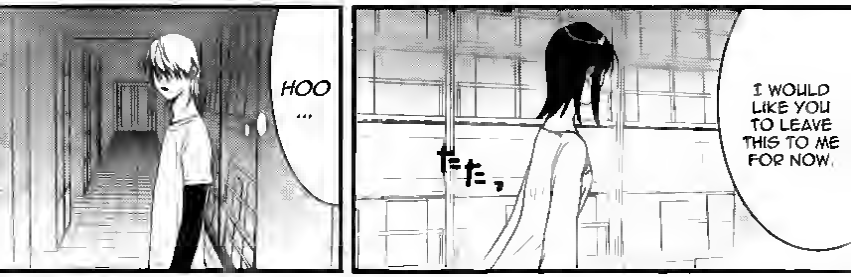
AN OPEN HEAD-ON ATTACK AGAIN, DESPITE YOUR PREVIOUS FAILURES?
YES.

ONLY THIS TIME I HAVE A PLAN.
!?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AFTER OBSERVING HARIMOTO'S GROUP...
...I HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERY.


IF MY GUESS IS CORRECT...
...
..THEN THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE TO DESTROY HARIMOTO'S GROUP IN THIS GAME.


I WOULD LIKE YOU TO LEAVE THIS TO ME FOR NOW.
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HOO ...

NOW IS MY CHANCE!
YOU AGAIN?
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
UM...
!?
HARIMOTO-SAN
COULD MIKAMOTO-SAN PLEASE DISCARD 5 OF HER CARDS SHE DOES NOT NEED IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE CHANGE SESSION?
PLEASE LISTEN KINDLY TO MY REQUEST
BUT...
YOU PEOPLE ARE SUSPICIOUS OF US, SO THERE IS NO WAY WE'D GO ALONG WITH ANY PROPOSAL OF YOURS. COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE NOW?
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU.
HUH?!

...WHEN I TOLD THE SAME THING TO KIMURA-SAN,
SHE SAID THAT IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, SHE MIGHT AGREE TO MY PROPOSITION...
!!
THE 1,000 YEAR OLD ONE SAID THAT...?
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
N-NO.. I DO NOT. I HAVE NOT HEARD HER SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT..
THEN GO CALL THE 1,000 YEAR OLD ONE HERE, THIS INSTANCE
Y-YES
HAH?!
...
KANZAKI-SAN, WHAT KIND OF RUBBISH IS THIS, PRAY TELL!
AS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, I HAVEN'T SAID A WORD TO YOU.
...

BUT YOU SAID IT!
JUST A BIT EARLIER! I HEARD IT WITH MY OWN EARS!
HAH?!
HEY
I NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ANYWHERE NEAR HER, MUCH LESS TALKED TO HER...
UH-HUH... NOW I GET IT.
THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT, HUH...
10,000 YEAR OLD ONE... PLEASE DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY HER. IT'S JUST HER SCHEME ALL ALONG.
!?

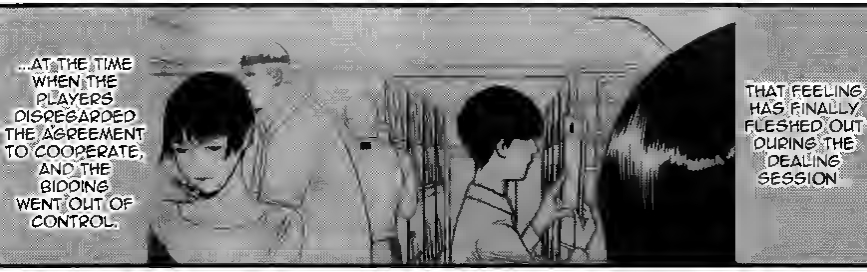
SHE TOLD THAT LIE IN ORDER TO MAKE US BELIEVE THERE'S A DISSENTIENT AMONG OUR GROUP TO SOW THE SEEDS OF DOUBT AND SUSPICION IN OUR HEARTS...
...IN HOPES OF STARTING OUR GROUP'S BREAKDOWN FROM WITHIN.
NOW LEAVE.
...SUCH A CHILDISH TRICK IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO CAUSE AN INNER DISPUTE AMONG US.
SORRY, BUT..
I SEE. THAT'S HER AGENDA, EH.

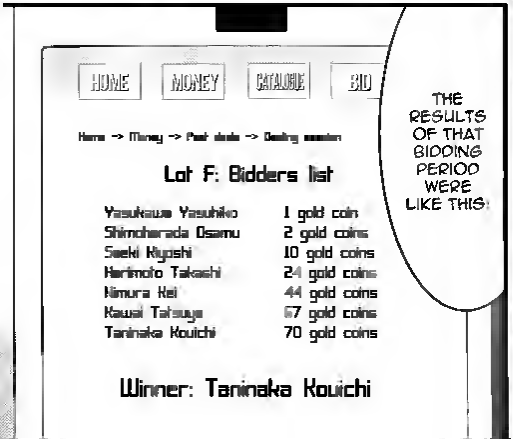
I WILL BE BACK.
DON'T EVER COME BACK.
10,000 YEAR OLD ONE
WHY DOES KANZAKI KEEP COMING BACK INSISTENTLY ASKING US TO DISCARD 5 CARDS?
EVEN IF SHE DOES NOTHING,
SHE IS ALREADY SET TO FINISH THE GAME WITH POSITIVE BALANCE, AND YET..
WHY ON EARTH DOES SHE---

STOP TRYING TO JUSTIFY HER ACTIONS, 500 YEAR OLD ONE!
IT'S JUST HER WILD DELUSION, IS ALL!!!
.....
I AM SORRY ...
SO?
HOW'D IT GO?
I GET WHAT YOU TRIED TO ACCOMPLISH, BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOUR PLAN WAS KINDA, UH, NAIVE AT BEST ?
UM— I WATCHED THE NEGOTIA-TIONS FROM CLOSE BY AND—
DISCARDING 5 CARDS IS OUT OF QUESTION FOR THEM

I WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM MY FINDINGS.
NO, MY PLAN WAS A SUCCESS.
UMM, TO PUT IT SIMPLY...
WHAT'RE THOSE 'FINDINGS' ANYWAY?
!?
? ?
TO USE THE APPROACH FROM THE CONTRARY, KAWAI-SAN, YOU ARE PROBABLY UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HARIMOTO'S GROUP IS A RELIGIOUS GATHERING WITH HARIMOTO-SAN AT ITS CORE, RIGHT?
THAT I CANNOT SHAKE OFF WHEN I THINK ABOUT HARIMOTO'S GROUP...
...IT IS A LINGERING SENSE OF STRANGE-NESS

WELL, THIS IS HOW THEY WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO ME, TOO
YOU'RE SAYING THEY'RE NOT?!
BUT I COULD NOT GET RID OF THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS OFF SOMEHOW.


...AT THE TIME WHEN THE PLAYERS DISREGARDED THE AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE, AND THE BIDDING WENT OUT OF CONTROL.
THAT FEELING HAS FINALLY FLESHED OUT DURING THE DEALING SESSION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Shimoharada Osamu 2 gold coins
Saeki Kyoshi 10 gold coins
Horimoto Takashi 24 gold coins
Nimura Kei 44 gold coins
Kawai Tatsuya 67 gold coins
Taninaka Kouichi 70 gold coins
Winner: Taninaka Kouichi
THE RESULTS OF THAT BIDDING PERIOD WERE LIKE THIS:

TANINAKA WON THAT ONE, I THINK.
UMM YOU MEAN, DURING THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR LOT F, YEAH?
YES.

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Lot F: Bidders list

Yasukawa Yasuhiko	1 gold coin
Shimoharada Osamu	2 gold coins
Saeki Kiyoshi	10 gold coins
Harimoto Takashi	24 gold coins
Kimura Kei	44 gold coins
Kawai Tatsuya	67 gold coins
Taninaka Kouichi	70 gold coins

Winner: Taninaka Kouichi

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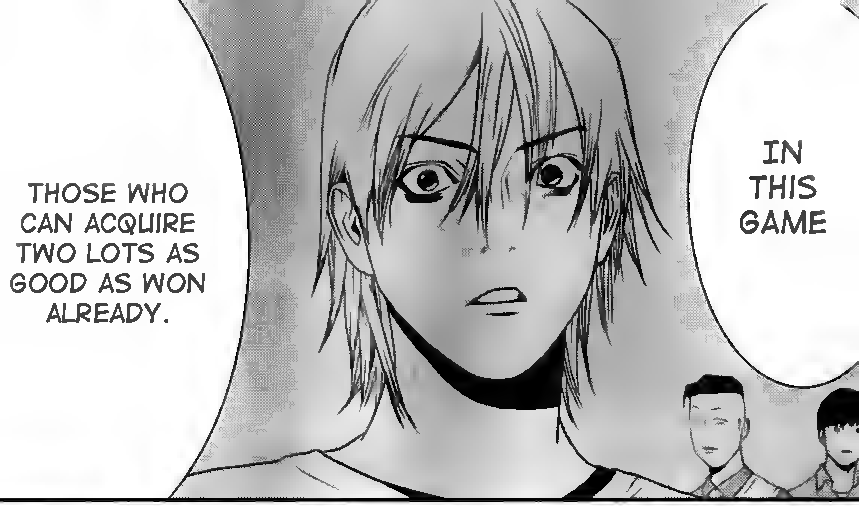
TAKE A LOOK PLEASE KIMURA-SAN BID 44 COINS UNDER HER OWN NAME AND 24 COINS UNDER HARIMOTO-SAN'S, SEE?

NOT LONG BEFORE THAT AKIYAMA-SAN SAID THIS TO ALL THE PLAYERS:
THERE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING, TOO!
YEAH, IT'D MAKE NO SENSE IF SHE'D FIRST BID 44 COINS AND THEN 24...
IN THIS CASE, IT IS ONLY LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT SHE FIRST OPERATED HARIMOTO-SAN'S TABLET AND THEN HER OWN.



AT THAT POINT OF TIME, THE GAME SITUATION FOR HARIMOTO-SAN AND KIMURA-SAN LOOKED LIKE THIS:

HARIMOTO
CARDSETS IN POSSESSION:
1 CARDSET

KIMURA
CARDSETS IN POSSESSION:
0 CARDSETS

...THEN, UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, KIMURA-SAN WOULD HAVE PRIORITIZED DOING WHATEVER WAS REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE HARIMOTO-SAN'S WIN.
IF HARIMOTO-SAN REALLY WERE THE ABSOLUTE LEADER OF HIS GROUP...

KIMURA-SAN FIRST PLACED A BID OF 24 COINS UNDER HARIMOTO-SAN'S NAME, AND THEN, TO HAVE AN ADDED ENSURANCE, SHE BID 44 COINS UNDER HER OWN NAME.

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Lot F: Bidders list

Yasukawa Yasuhiko	1 gold coin
Shimoharada Osamu	2 gold coins
Saeki Kiyoshi	10 gold coins
Harimoto Takashi	24 gold coins
Kimura Rei	44 gold coins
Kawai Tatsuya	67 gold coins
Taninaka Kouichi	70 gold coins

Winner: Taninaka Kouichi

BUT THE REAL SITUATION IS DIFFERENT.

BUT THEN, AFTER SEEING THE SITUATION AROUND HER, SHE DECIDED THAT 24 COINS WAS NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE A SHOT AT WINNING THE LOT.

PROBABLY, AT FIRST, SHE REALLY DID TRY TO ENSURE HARIMOTO-SAN'S WIN.

IF HARIMOTO-SAN REALLY WERE AS ABSOLUTE AS WE ARE LED TO BELIEVE, ROBBING HIM OF A CHANCE FOR VICTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN A STRICT TABOO TO HER.

BUT, THE MOMENT SHE PLACED THAT BID, ANY POSSIBILITY OF HARIMOTO-SAN WINNING LOT F WAS COMPLETELY NULLIFIED!

VALIDATE

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Dealing session: bidding

Bidding on Lot F:

Your bid is 44 gold coins.

Press OK to place your bid.

OK | BACK

THAT IS WHY SHE TOOK HER OWN TABLET AND BID 44 COINS UNDER HER OWN NAME!

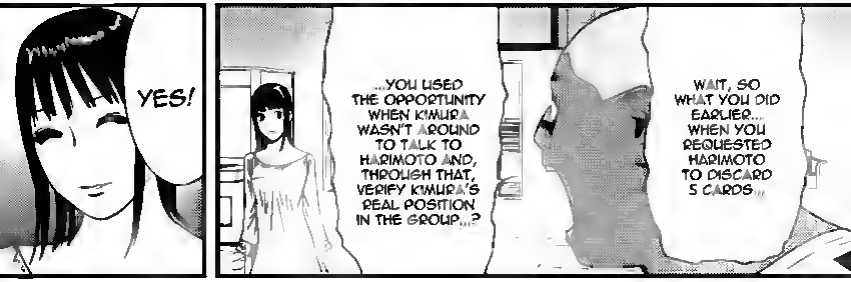
IN MY OPINION, THIS MEANS...

WHICH MEANS...?

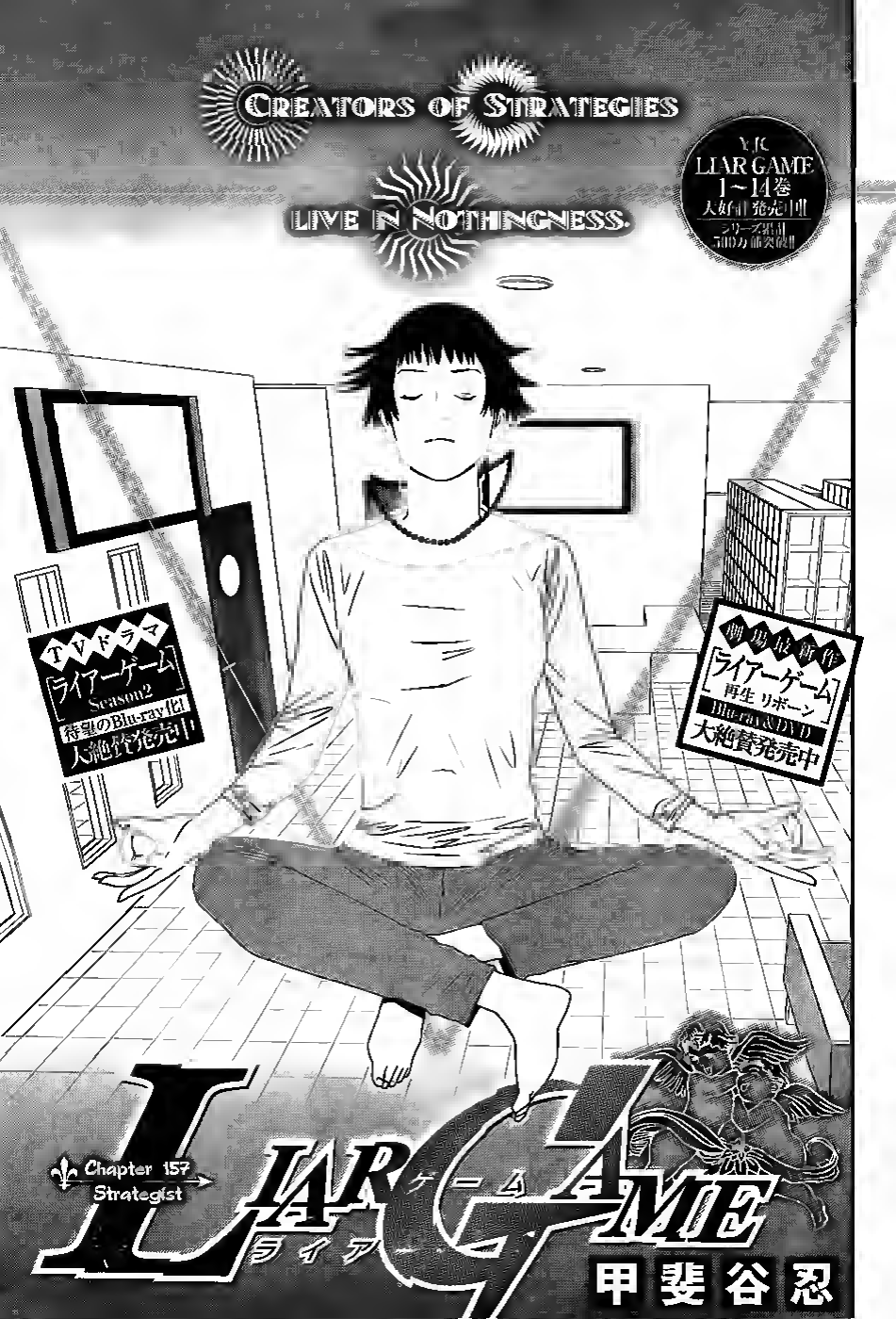
...

BUT KIMURA-SAN.
...THE TRUE LEADER OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP IS NOT HARIMOTO-SAN
THE SHOCKING TRUTH BEHIND THE TRICKSTER?!

EEEEE EEH?!


YES!
...YOU USED THE OPPORTUNITY WHEN KIMURA WASN'T AROUND TO TALK TO HARIMOTO AND, THROUGH THAT, VERIFY KIMURA'S REAL POSITION IN THE GROUP...?
WAIT, SO WHAT YOU DID EARLIER... WHEN YOU REQUESTED HARIMOTO TO DISCARD 5 CARDS...

HOO
EEEEE EEH?!
[LIAR GAME]
NEXT TIME, WHAT'S THE TRUTH HAO GUESSED?!
END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LIVE IN NOTHINGNESS.
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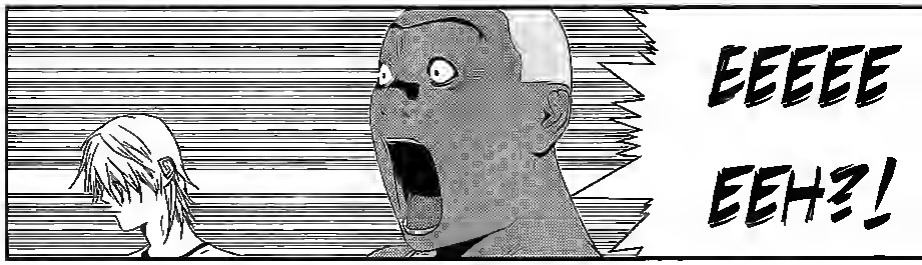
BUT KIMURA-SAN.
THE CORE OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP IS NOT HARIMOTO-SAN
A SHOCKING SECRET OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP?!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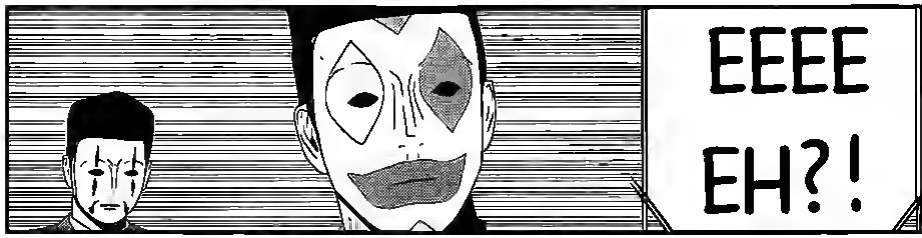

EEEE EH?!

!?
I'M IMPRESSED KANZAKI COULD FIGURE THAT OUT.
FU FU ...

ALSAB-SAN!
ALSAB-SAN, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE LEADER OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP IS ACTUALLY KIMURA?!
FU FU FU.
YES, IN FACT, I DID.
KIMURA, FOR REAL...? I MEAN, Y'KNOW... THAT SOUNDS WAY TOO UNBELIEVABLE TO BE TRUE.
RIGHT, AKIYAMA?
WELL, I SUSPECTED THAT MUCH FROM THE START.
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!!!
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN OBSERVING HARIMOTO EVER SINCE THE STEAL-A-CHAIR GAME
AND I FOUND LOTS OF ODD THINGS ABOUT HIM THAT JUST DIDN'T ADD UP

TAKE, FOR ONE, THE FACT THAT EVERY TIME I TALKED TO HIM, KIMURA ALWAYS WAS RIGHT NEXT TO HIM, STICKING TO HIS SIDE LIKE GLUE OR SOMETHING

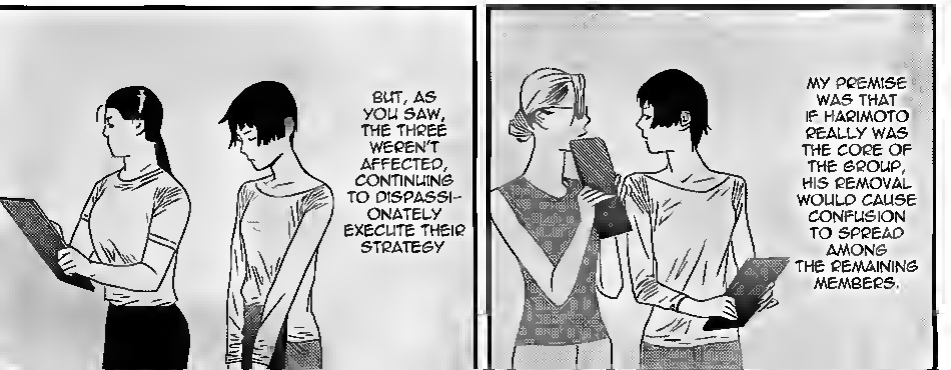
ONLY ALL THOSE INITIATIVES OF HIS WEREN'T ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT, NOR THEY COULD CHANGE THE SITUATION FOR HIS GROUP DRASTICLY.
TO BE FAIR, HARIMOTO ACTED PRETTY OFTEN ON HIS OWN, TOO...

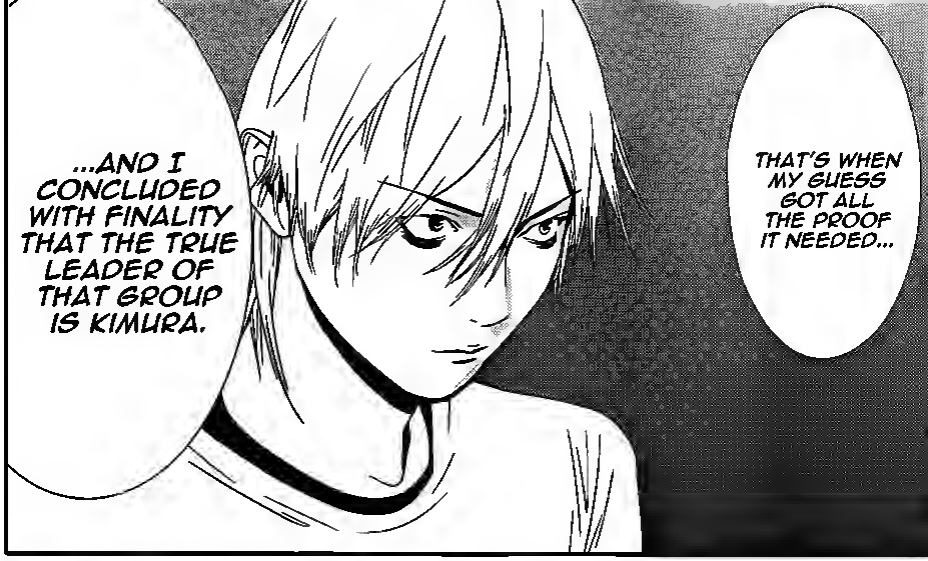
I SEE.
TO PARAPHRASE, IF YOU SEE THOSE TWO TOGETHER, IT MEANS SOMETHING BIG AND NASTY IS BREWING UP FOR SURE.

FOR THAT PRECISE REASON - TO PROVE MY GUESS, THAT IS - I CONDUCTED A LITTLE EXPERIMENT EARLIER IN TODAY'S GAME.
WELL...
BUT STILL, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN YOUR UNPROVEN GUESS, AS FAR AS I GET...

...HOW ABOUT WE HAVE HARIMOTO CONFINE HIMSELF TO THE FARTHEST TOILET OF THIS BUILDING?
TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE HIS "SPIRIT" DOESN'T REACH HERE AND STAYS AWAY FROM BIDDING...

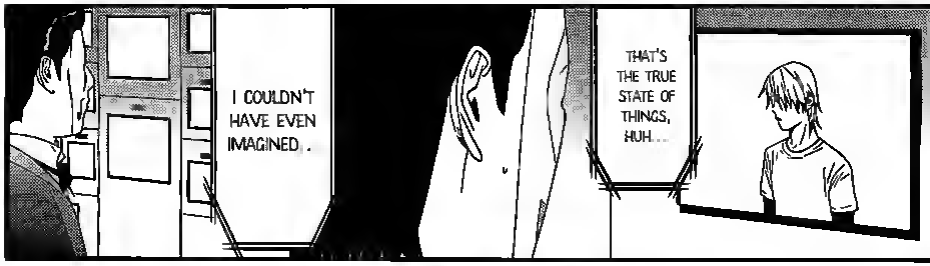
ASSESSING THE DEGREE OF HIS INFLUENCE ON THE OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WAS ONE OF MY REASONS FOR DOING SO.
YES, I ISOLATED HARIMOTO, AS YOU REMEMBER
AH!


BUT, AS YOU SAW, THE THREE WEREN'T AFFECTED, CONTINUING TO DISPASSIONATELY EXECUTE THEIR STRATEGY
MY PREMISE WAS THAT IF HARIMOTO REALLY WAS THE CORE OF THE GROUP, HIS REMOVAL WOULD CAUSE CONFUSION TO SPREAD AMONG THE REMAINING MEMBERS.

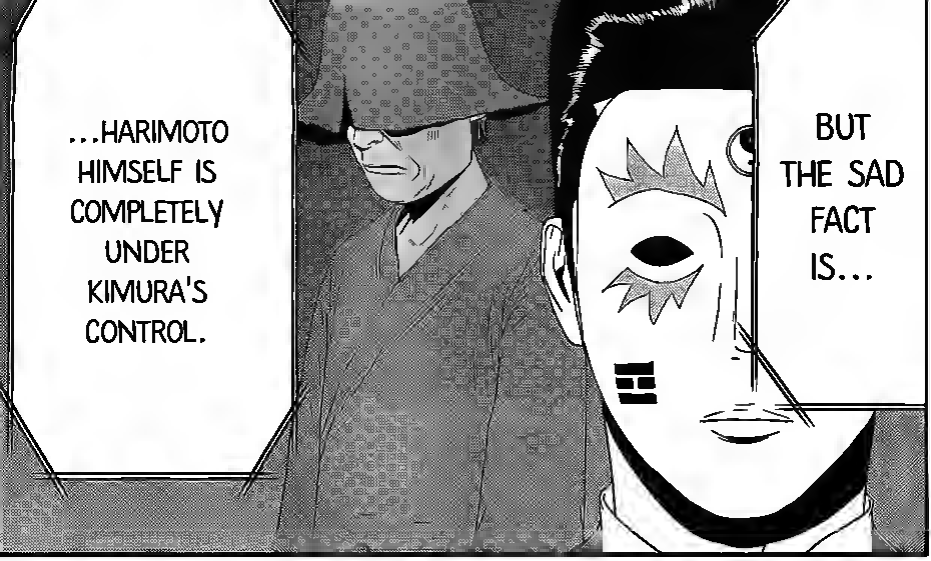


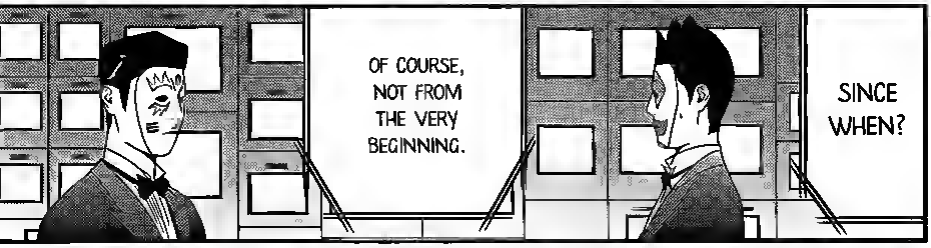
YOU HAVE NOTICED IT SO EARLY ON...
IT WOULD NOT HAVE HURT IF YOU COULD ALSO BE SO KIND AS TO LET US KNOW ABOUT IT, TOO, YOU KNOW...
HA HA HA.
YEAH, SORRY, MY BAD.

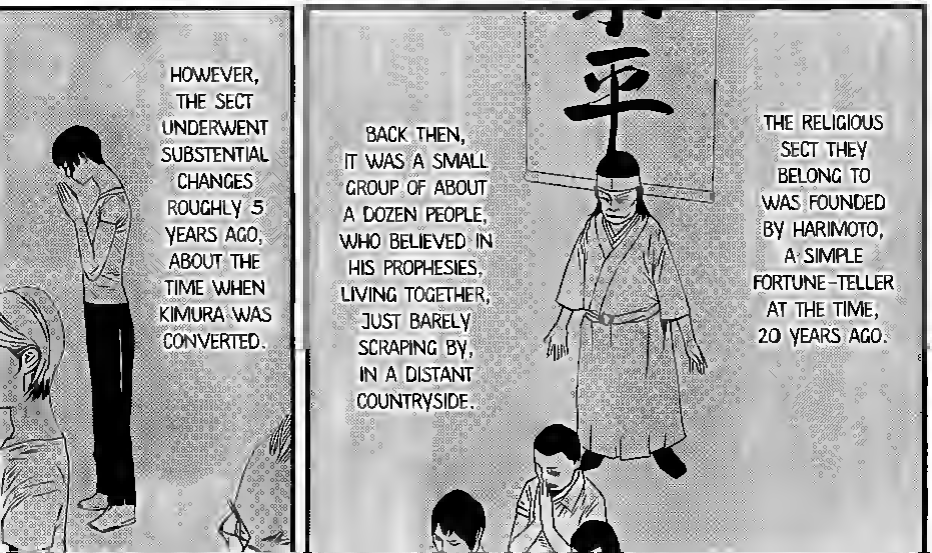
SPY MUNYU SCREWING UP HER FACE IN DISSATISFACTION



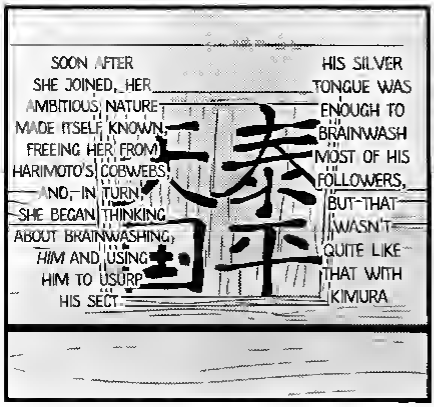
IF HARIMOTO AND KIMURA'S ORDERS WERE TO CONFLICT, MIKAMOTO AND ABE WOULD OBEY TO WHAT HARIMOTO SAYS, WITHOUT DOUBT.
WELL, STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE CORE OF THEIR RELIGION IS STILL HARIMOTO.


...HARIMOTO HIMSELF IS COMPLETELY UNDER KIMURA'S CONTROL.
BUT THE SAD FACT IS...


OF COURSE, NOT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
SINCE WHEN?


HOWEVER, THE SECT UNDERWENT SUBSTENTIAL CHANGES ROUGHLY 5 YEARS AGO, ABOUT THE TIME WHEN KIMURA WAS CONVERTED.
BACK THEN, IT WAS A SMALL GROUP OF ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS PROPHESIES, LIVING TOGETHER, JUST BARELY SCRAPING BY, IN A DISTANT COUNTRYSIDE.
THE RELIGIOUS SECT THEY BELONG TO WAS FOUNDED BY HARIMOTO, A SIMPLE FORTUNE-TELLER AT THE TIME, 20 YEARS AGO.

SMART, SHARP-WITTED, SKILLFUL IN LANGUAGE AND, MOST OF ALL, AMBITIOUS.
ORIGINALLY, KIMURA WAS A TALENTED WOMAN FROM THE WORLD OF BUSINESS, WHERE SHE WAS A VERY CAPABLE EMPLOYEE OF A TOP RANKING TRADING COMPANY –


SOON AFTER SHE JOINED, HER AMBITIOUS NATURE MADE ITSELF KNOWN, FREEING HER FROM HARIMOTO'S COBWEBS. AND, IN TURN, SHE BEGAN THINKING ABOUT BRAINWASHING *HIM* AND USING HIM TO USURP HIS SECT
HIS SILVER TONGUE WAS ENOUGH TO BRAINWASH MOST OF HIS FOLLOWERS, BUT THAT WASN'T QUITE LIKE THAT WITH KIMURA
天泰国平

SIGN: PEACEFUL HEAVEN
THAT'S WHEN SHE CAME ACROSS HARIMOTO'S 'PEACEFUL HEAVEN'.
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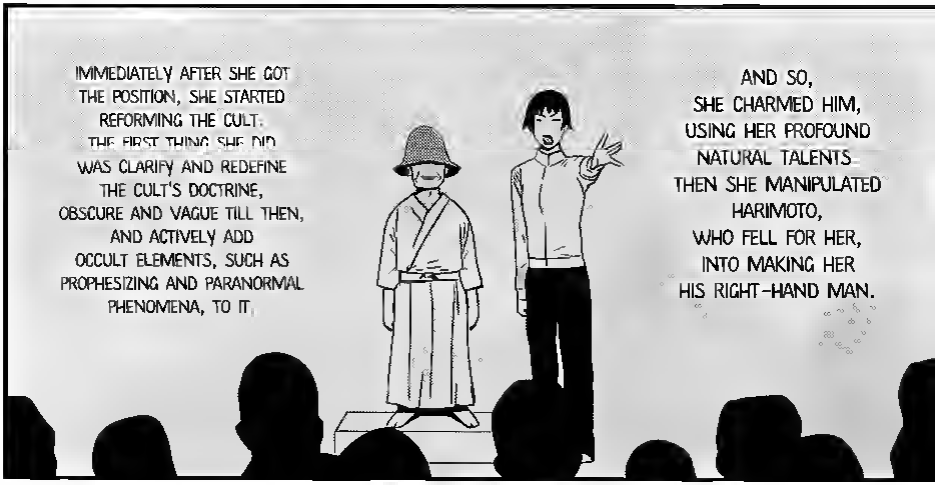
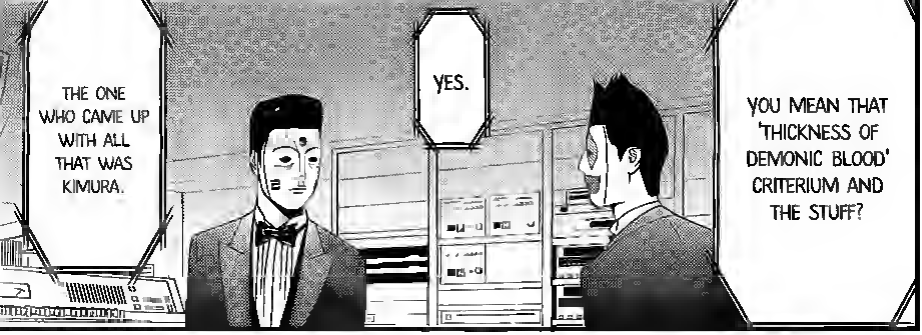
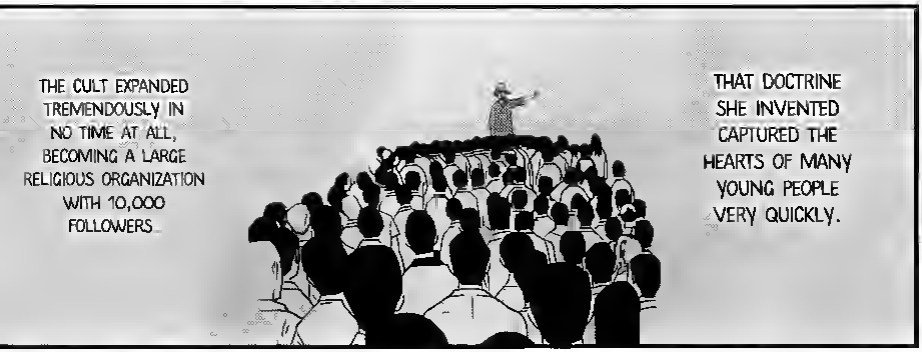
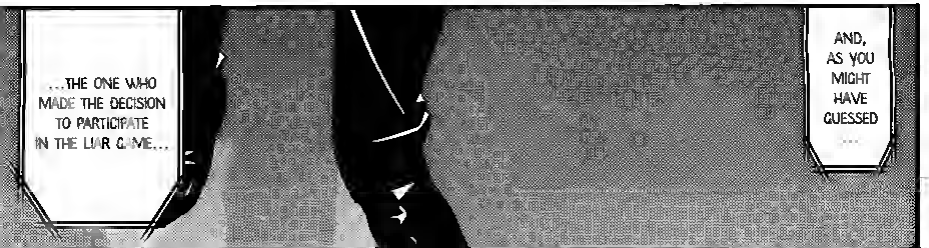
AFTER HAVING SUFFERED A TRAGIC LOVE, SHE QUIT HER JOB.


IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE GOT THE POSITION, SHE STARTED REFORMING THE CULT. THE FIRST THING SHE DID WAS CLARIFY AND REDEFINE THE CULT'S DOCTRINE, OBSCURE AND VAGUE TILL THEN, AND ACTIVELY ADD OCCULT ELEMENTS, SUCH AS PROPHESIZING AND PARANORMAL PHENOMENA, TO IT.
AND SO, SHE CHARMED HIM, USING HER PROFOUND NATURAL TALENTS. THEN SHE MANIPULATED HARIMOTO, WHO FELL FOR HER, INTO MAKING HER HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN.


THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH ALL THAT WAS KIMURA.
YES.
YOU MEAN THAT 'THICKNESS OF DEMONIC BLOOD' CRITERIUM AND THE STUFF?


THE CULT EXPANDED TREMENDOUSLY IN NO TIME AT ALL, BECOMING A LARGE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WITH 10,000 FOLLOWERS.
THAT DOCTRINE SHE INVENTED CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF MANY YOUNG PEOPLE VERY QUICKLY.

THAT WAY, SHE WAS ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOP AND EXPAND THE CULT WITHOUT EARNING HATRED OF ITS OLDER MEMBERS IN THE PROCESS.
KIMURA MADE A VERY SMART MOVE WHEN, IN THE VERY BEGINNING, SHE CHOSE TO STAY IN SHADOWS.


...THE ONE WHO MADE THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIAR GAME...
AND, AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED ...

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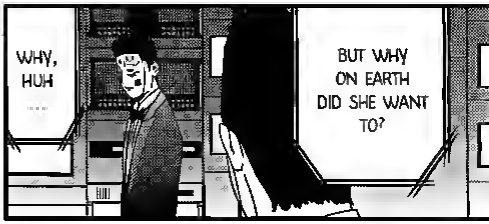
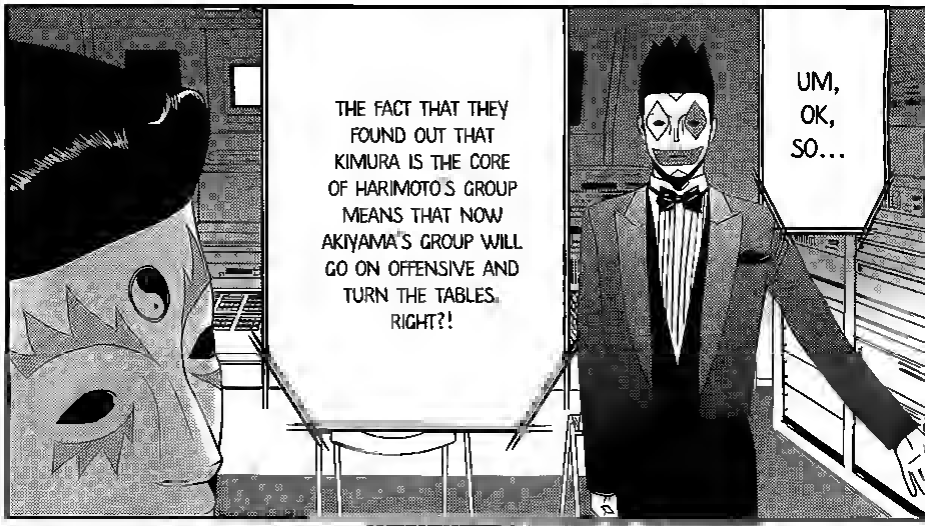
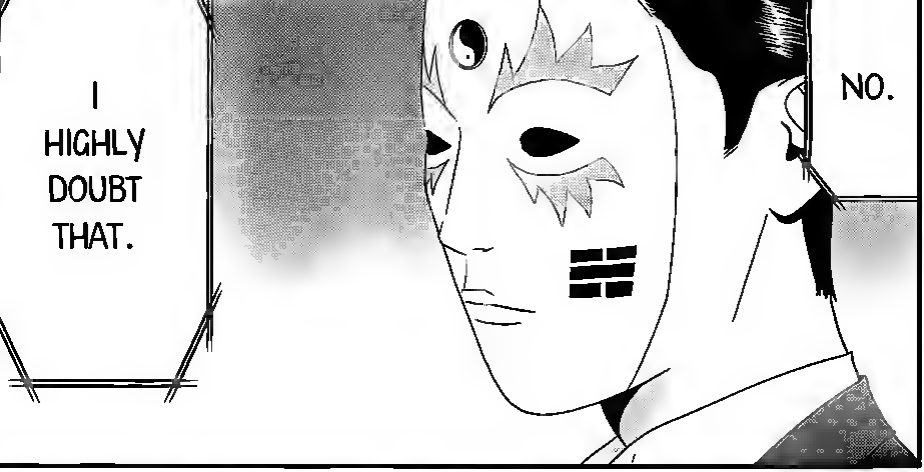
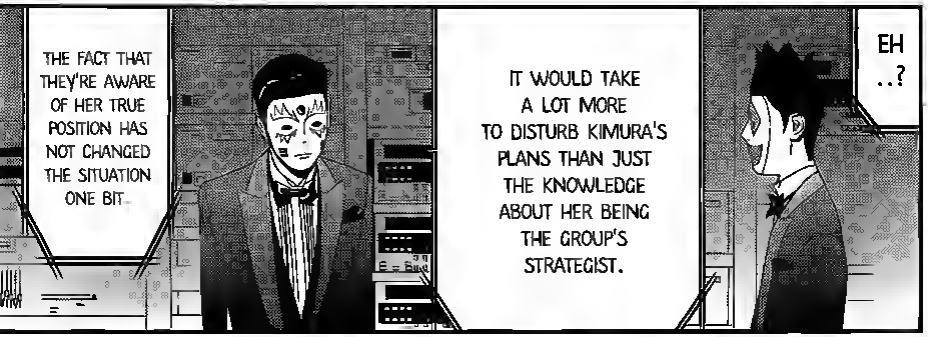
...WAS ALSO KIMURA.
...IN REALITY ...

FU FU FU FU.
IT'S A LONG STORY, SO LET'S SAVE IT FOR ANOTHER TIME.

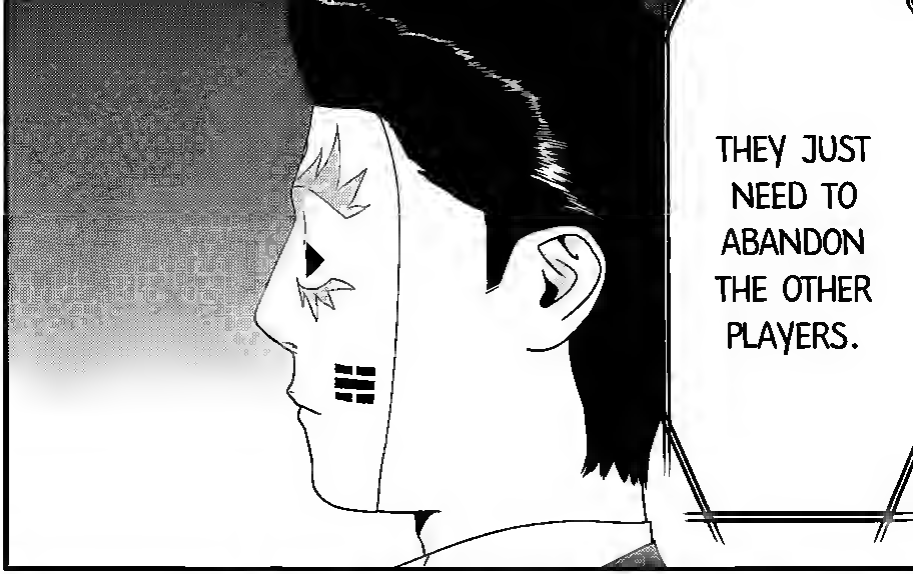

WHY, HUH ...
BUT WHY ON EARTH DID SHE WANT TO?


THE FACT THAT THEY FOUND OUT THAT KIMURA IS THE CORE OF HARIMOTO'S GROUP MEANS THAT NOW AKIYAMA'S GROUP WILL GO ON OFFENSIVE AND TURN THE TABLES. RIGHT?!
UM, OK, SO...

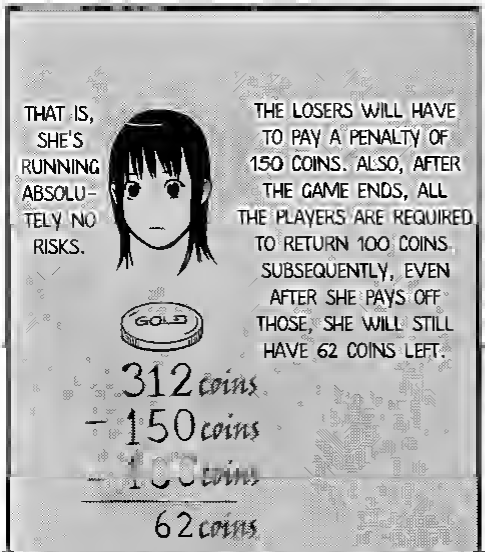

I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT.
NO.

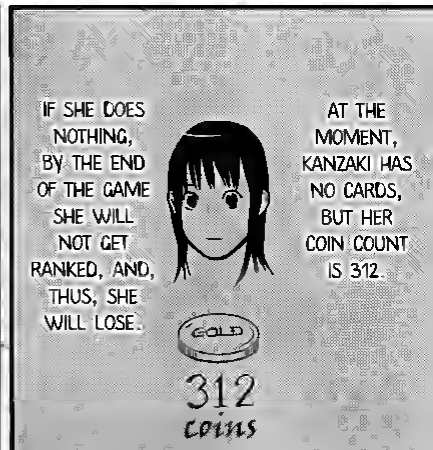

THE FACT THAT THEY'RE AWARE OF HER TRUE POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED THE SITUATION ONE BIT.
IT WOULD TAKE A LOT MORE TO DISTURB KIMURA'S PLANS THAN JUST THE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HER BEING THE GROUP'S STRATEGIST.
EH ..?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
FUFUFU.. THE WAY TO VICTORY IS SIMPLE, REALLY.
EH?!
I WOULDN'T SAY THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE TO WIN.
IS THAT SO... THEN THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR AKIYAMA AND HIS GROUP TO WIN, IN THE END, HUH...
WRONG.


THEY JUST NEED TO ABANDON THE OTHER PLAYERS.

SIMPLY THINK ABOUT AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI'S CURRENT SITUATION.
HUH ...?


THAT IS, SHE'S RUNNING ABSOLUTELY NO RISKS.
THE LOSERS WILL HAVE TO PAY A PENALTY OF 150 COINS. ALSO, AFTER THE GAME ENDS, ALL THE PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN 100 COINS. SUBSEQUENTLY, EVEN AFTER SHE PAYS OFF THOSE, SHE WILL STILL HAVE 62 COINS LEFT.
GOLD
312 coins
- 150 coins
- 100 coins
62 coins


IF SHE DOES NOTHING, BY THE END OF THE GAME SHE WILL NOT GET RANKED, AND, THUS, SHE WILL LOSE.
AT THE MOMENT, KANZAKI HAS NO CARDS, BUT HER COIN COUNT IS 312.
GOLD
312 coins

IF HE DOES, THE REWARD HE GETS WILL BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

[NUMBER OF LOSERS] X 10

WELL, HARIMOTO'S GROUP WILL PROBABLY OVERTAKE HIM WHERE THE STRENGTH OF THEIR POKER HANDS IS CONCERNED, BUT STILL, THINGS LOOK DAZZLINGLY BRIGHT FOR HIM EVEN IF HE PLACES 3RD

596

3rd place reward:
With 1 loser +10
With 2 losers +20

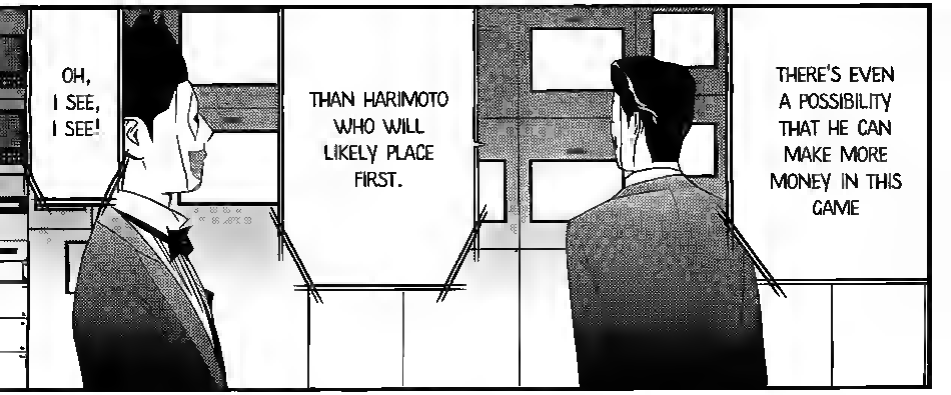
AKIYAMA'S SITUATION IS EVEN BETTER: HE'S RANKED FIRST AT THE MOMENT AND HAS 596 COINS AT HIS DISPOSAL.

596 coins

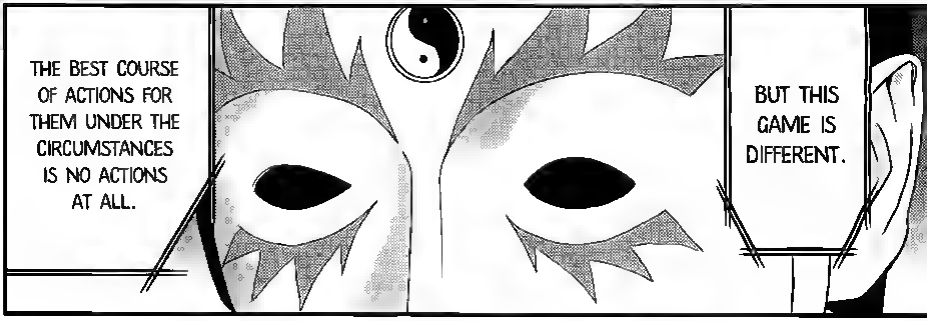
BUT EVEN WITH THAT SUM DEDUCTED FROM HIS EARNINGS, HE WILL STILL HAVE MORE THAN 500 COINS LEFT IN THE END.

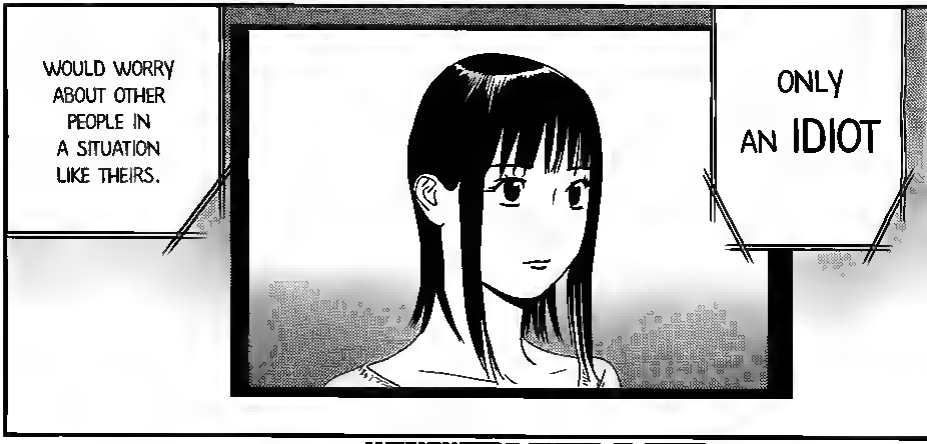
596 coins
− 100 coins
+ 10 coins
506 coins

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, HE WILL HAVE TO PAY 100 COINS BACK.



TILL NOW, LUCK WAS ON THEIR SIDE IN THAT THEY HAD SOMETHING TO GAIN FROM COOPERATING WITH OTHER PLAYERS IN THE PREVIOUS GAMES.
THIS GAME IS NO EXCEPTION, WHAT WITH KANZAKI NOT BEING ABLE TO SHUT UP ABOUT 'COOPERATION', 'COOPERATION' AND SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD..
BUT THEN AGAIN, KANZAKI AND AKIYAMA WISH TO SAVE THE OTHER PLAYERS...


THE BEST COURSE OF ACTIONS FOR THEM UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IS NO ACTIONS AT ALL.
BUT THIS GAME IS DIFFERENT.

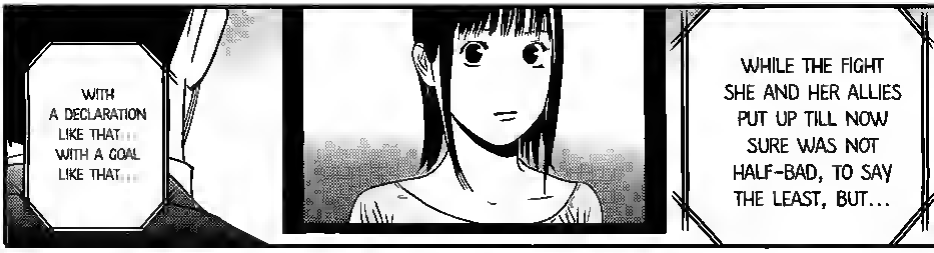

WOULD WORRY ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE IN A SITUATION LIKE THEIRS.
ONLY AN IDIOT

DON'T YOU AGREE, NEARCO-SAN?
YES. YES, I DO.
AH?
//
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
?
...
KU KU KU KU!
KU KU

NEARCO-SAN.
KANZAKI AND THE OTHERS ARE DISCUSSING THE VERY SAME SUBJECT AT THIS EXACT MOMENT!
!
SO... IN THE END... HARIMOTO AND HIS GROUP REFUSED TO DISCARD 5 CARDS...
!?
AND... SINCE THEY REFUSED KANZAKI-SAN... WHAT'LL BECOME OF... OF WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER...?
THAT YOU'LL... YOU'LL SAVE ME... NO MATTER WHAT...
AH...

I WILL DEFINITELY SAVE YOU, KAWAI-SAN!
OF COURSE, I WILL!
AND NOT ONLY YOU, KAWAI-SAN.
YES.
REALLY?! YOU REALLY WILL?!
!!
I WILL SAVE EVERY-BODY!!!
EVERY-BODY!
SAEKI-SAN, YASUKAWA-SAN, SHIMOHARADA-SAN, TANINAKA-SAN...
...

THAT WOMAN REALLY IS A BLITHERING IDIOT!!!
BHAAA HAHA HA!!!


WITH A DECLARATION LIKE THAT... WITH A GOAL LIKE THAT...
WHILE THE FIGHT SHE AND HER ALLIES PUT UP TILL NOW SURE WAS NOT HALF-BAD, TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT...

IS BIG, FAT ZERO.
THE PROBABILITY OF KANZAKI AND AKIYAMA WINNING
ARE HER PURE INTENTIONS HER WORST ENEMY?!
[LIAR GAME] 57 END
NEXT TIME, IS THERE A CHANCE FOR AKIYAMA TO WIN?

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LIAR GAME
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Chapter 158
Reversal

LIAR GAME ライアーゲーム

甲斐谷忍

TVドラマ
「ライアーゲーム」
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「ライアーゲーム
再生 リターン」
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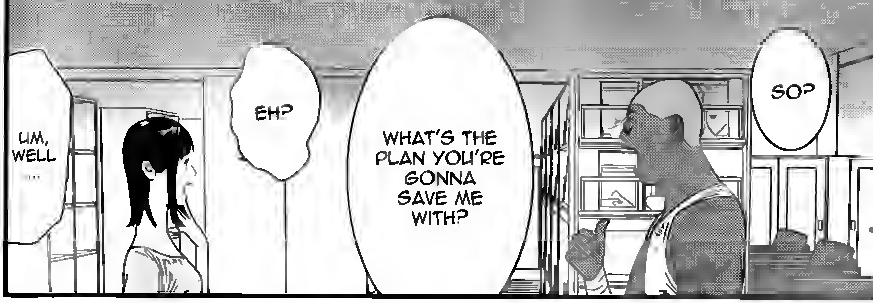
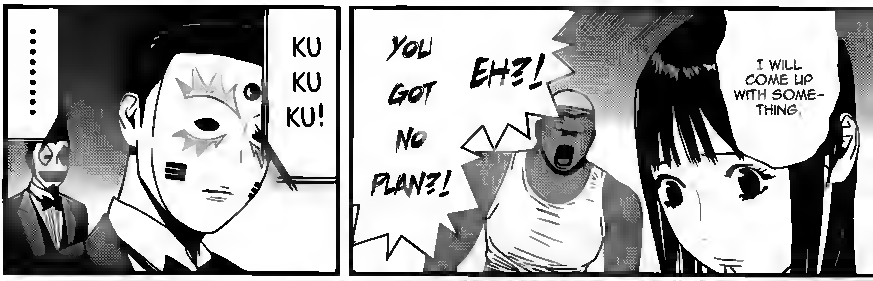
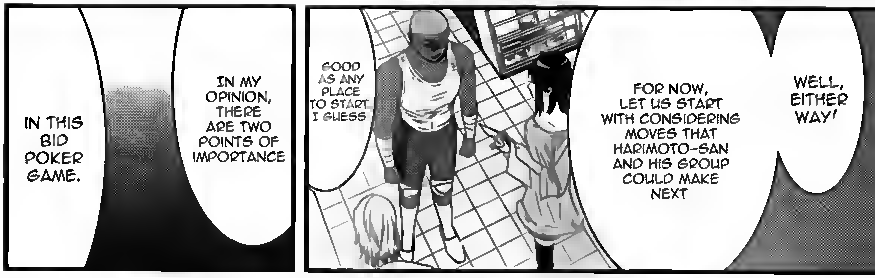
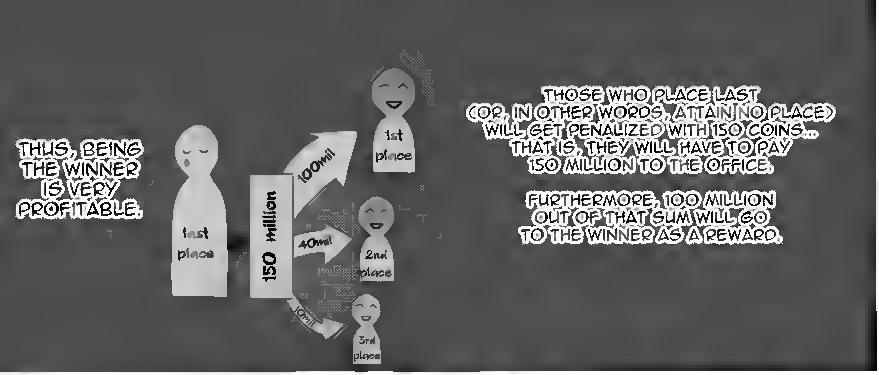
IS THERE A WAY TO SAVE EVERYONE?!

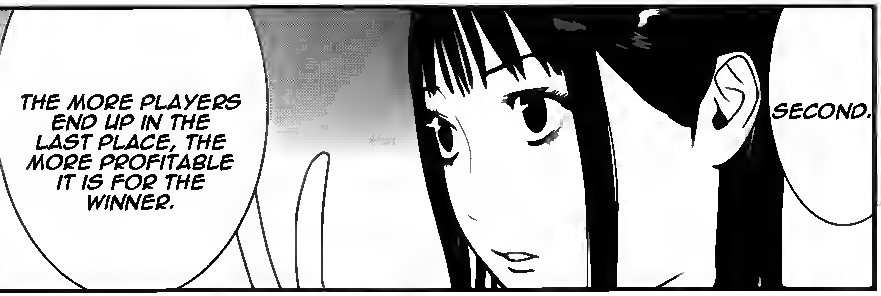

UM, WELL...
EH?
WHAT'S THE PLAN YOU'RE GONNA SAVE ME WITH?
SO?

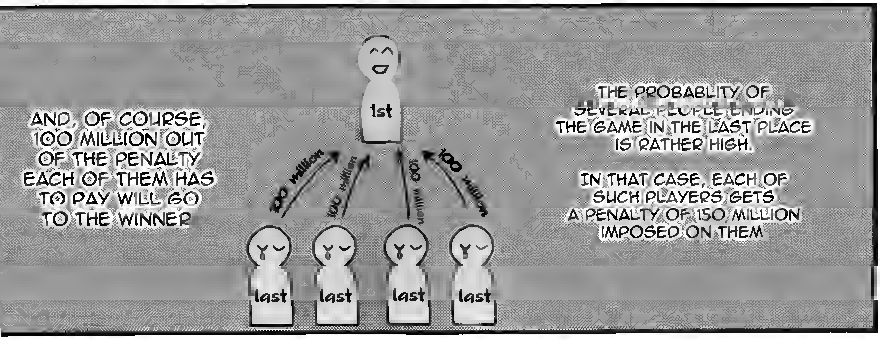

.....
KU KU KU!
YOU GOT NO PLAN?!
EH?!
I WILL COME UP WITH SOMETHING.

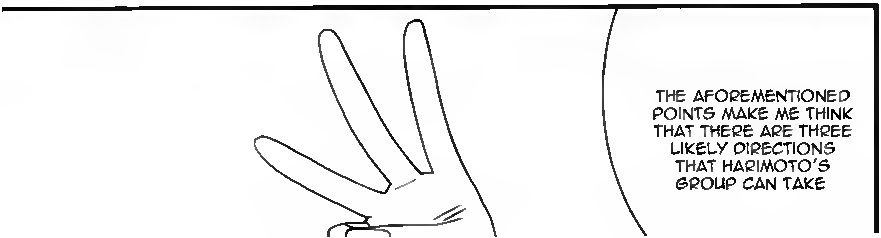

IN THIS BID POKER GAME.
IN MY OPINION, THERE ARE TWO POINTS OF IMPORTANCE
GOOD AS ANY PLACE TO START, I GUESS
FOR NOW, LET US START WITH CONSIDERING MOVES THAT HARIMOTO-SAN AND HIS GROUP COULD MAKE NEXT
WELL, EITHER WAY!

THE FIRST PLACE IS THE MOST FAVORABLE.
FIRST.

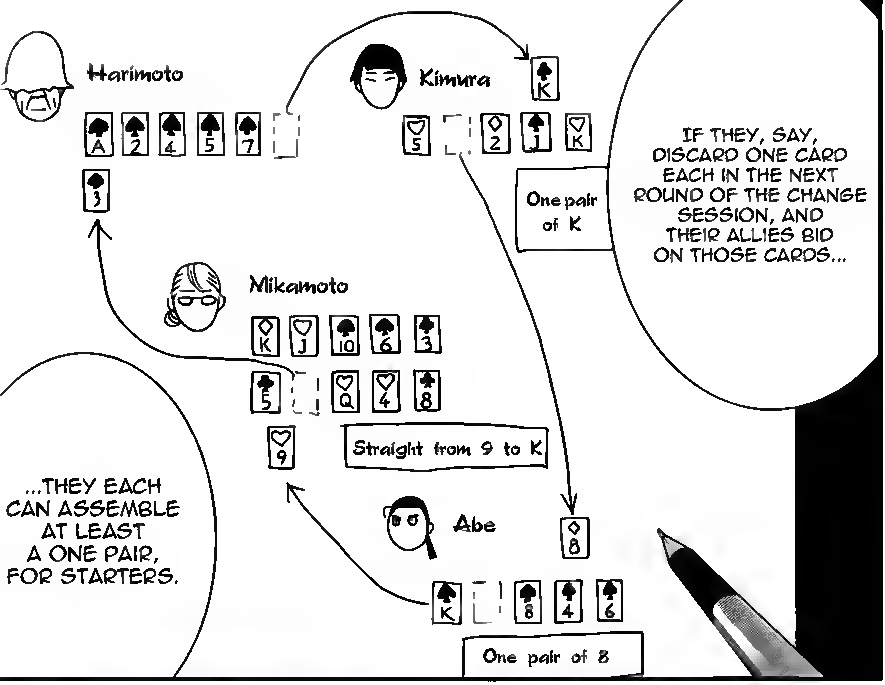

THUS, BEING THE WINNER IS VERY PROFITABLE.
1st place
150 million
100mil
40mil
10mil
1st place
2nd place
3rd place
THOSE WHO PLACE LAST (OR, IN OTHER WORDS, ATTAIN NO PLACE) WILL GET PENALIZED WITH 150 COINS... THAT IS, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY 150 MILLION TO THE OFFICE.
FURTHERMORE, 100 MILLION OUT OF THAT SUM WILL GO TO THE WINNER AS A REWARD.


THE MORE PLAYERS END UP IN THE LAST PLACE, THE MORE PROFITABLE IT IS FOR THE WINNER.
SECOND.

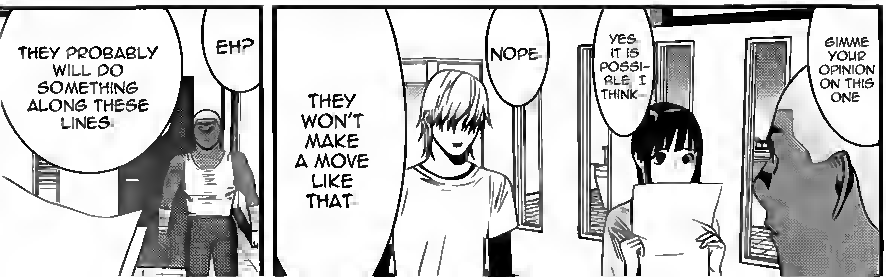

AND, OF COURSE, 100 MILLION OUT OF THE PENALTY EACH OF THEM HAS TO PAY WILL GO TO THE WINNER
1st
100 million
100 million
100 million
100 million
last
last
last
last
THE PROBABLITY OF SEVERAL PEOPLE ENDING THE GAME IN THE LAST PLACE IS RATHER HIGH.
IN THAT CASE, EACH OF SUCH PLAYERS GETS A PENALTY OF 150 MILLION IMPOSED ON THEM


THE AFOREMENTIONED POINTS MAKE ME THINK THAT THERE ARE THREE LIKELY DIRECTIONS THAT HARIMOTO'S GROUP CAN TAKE

① HARIMOTO-SAN WILL TRY TO BECOME THE WINNER.
② THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL TRY TO PLACE SECOND AND THIRD.
③ ALTOGETHER, THEY WILL TRY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LAST-PLACE PLAYERS.
EH?!
BUT EVEN I UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH, Y'KNOW...
YOU'RE FLAUNTING IT LIKE IT'S A BIG REVELATION OR SOMETHING...
UM...
ANYWAY! LET'S GET TO THE PARTICULARS AND THINK WHAT CARDS THEY'RE GONNA WANNA EXCHANGE BETWEEN THEMSELVES, OK?
IT TOOK PRETTY HARD THINKING FOR ME TO FIGURE IT OUT
Harimoto
Kimura
Mikamoto
Abe
RIGHT NOW, THEY GOT THESE HANDS:


Harimoto
Kimura
One pair of K
IF THEY, SAY, DISCARD ONE CARD EACH IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE CHANGE SESSION, AND THEIR ALLIES BID ON THOSE CARDS...
Mikamoto
Straight from 9 to K
...THEY EACH CAN ASSEMBLE AT LEAST A ONE PAIR, FOR STARTERS.
Abe
One pair of 8

HE'LL KNOCK AKIYAMA OUT OF THE FIRST PLACE!
Harimoto
IF HARIMOTO GETS ♠3 FROM MIKAMOTO, HIS HAND'LL IMPROVE FROM 'FLUSH' TO 'STRAIGHT FLUSH' IN ONE GO.


THEY PROBABLY WILL DO SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES.
EH?
THEY WON'T MAKE A MOVE LIKE THAT
NOPE
YES. IT IS POSSIBLE, I THINK
GIMME YOUR OPINION ON THIS ONE

AFTER SHE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD DISCARDED, MIKAMOTO WILL DISCARD ♠3.

FIRST, AT THE NEXT DISCARD TURN, HARIMOTO DISCARDS HIS ♣K.

IF THEY MESS THINGS UP WHERE ORDER IS CONCERNED, IT'LL SPELL HUGE TROUBLES FOR THEM

CAUSE ORDER IS IMPORTANT

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE AFTER SHE CONFIRMED HE HAD DISCARDED?

AFTER THAT, HARIMOTO BIDS ON ♠3.

Set with one pair of K

ONCE BIDDING STARTS, ABE BIDS ON ♣K THAT HARIMOTO DISCARDED.

Set with a straight flush ♠A ~ ♠5

IF THEY DO WHAT YOU SAY, HARIMOTO WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE FIRST PLACE FROM ME.

I STILL THINK THEY'LL TRY TO PULL OFF WHAT I SAID THEY ALL DISCARD A CARD THEY DON'T NEED WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY BIDDING ON A CARD THEY NEED.

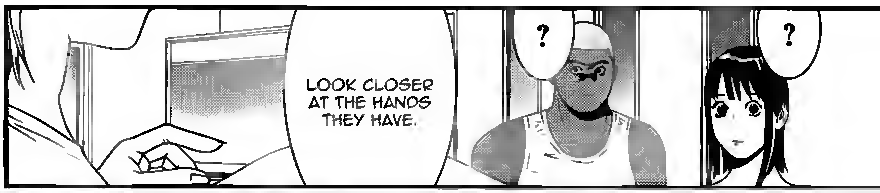
I DON'T REALLY SEE HOW THAT'S A GOOD MOVE FOR THEM. NEITHER KIMURA OR MIKAMOTO GET RANKED LIKE THAT.

SIMPLY BIDDING ON IT WON'T CUT IT.
ALL HE NEEDS FOR THAT IS BID ON ♠3 THAT MIKAMOTO DISCARDS!
BUT HE WILL, WITH EASE!
...I HAVE 596 COINS AT MY DISPOSAL.
DON'T FORGET THAT AT THE MOMENT...
FU FU FU.
YOU CAN STEAL IT FROM UNDER THEIR NOSES IF YOU WANT TO ...!
!!
AAH!

BUT, IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WITH YOU... IT'S HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT YOU'D BE WILLING TO SPEND MORE COINS THAN HIM TO WIN THAT CARD.
Harimoto
NO, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. FOR HARIMOTO, MAKING IT TO THE TOP RIDES ON THAT ♠3, AND HE WON'T HESITATE TO USE UP ALL OF HIS 233 COINS JUST TO GET IT.
ARE YOU REALLY READY TO SPEND 234 COINS TO GET IT?
COZ, Y'KNOW, THAT ♠3 IS THE SAME AS TRASH TO YOU, AIN'T IT?
IF ANYTHING, I'D CONSIDER 234 COINS CHEAP.
YEAH, I AM.
5 MIL. GET
IF THERE'RE 5 UNRANKED PLAYERS BY THE END... THE WINNER WILL GET 500 MILLION.
1st place
100 million
last
IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THIS GAME IS GONNA END WITH 5-6 PEOPLE HAVING NO PLACE ON THE RANKING LIST.

I KNOW, RIGHT?
IF YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR FIRST PLACE WITH SPENDING JUST 234 COINS – OR 234 MILLION – IT WILL BE QUITE A GOOD DEAL FOR YOU!
I SEE!
WAY TO GO, MAN!
YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO WIN NOW, AKIYAMA!
WHOA! THAT MEANS THEY CAN'T DISCARD THAT ♠3! IT'S A STALEMATE FOR THEM, RIGHT?!
NO..
HARIMOTO'S SIDE HAS A WAY TO BYPASS THAT.
UNFORTU-NATELY,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I'D WANNA GO FOR THAT ♠3... IN THAT CASE...
DIVERSION
HOW SO?!
!?

SIMPLE AS THAT.
...THEY'LL JUST LET ME HAVE IT.


LOOK CLOSER AT THE HANDS THEY HAVE.
?
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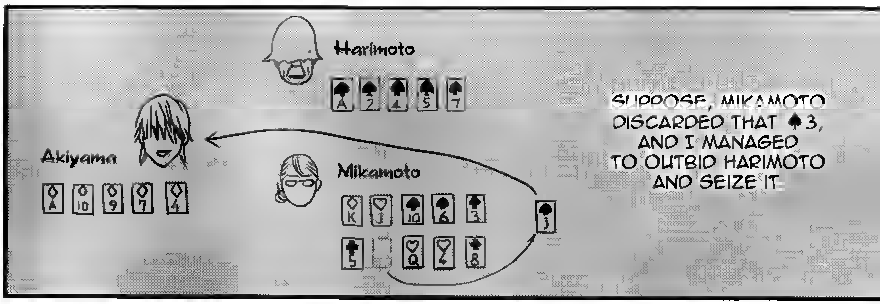
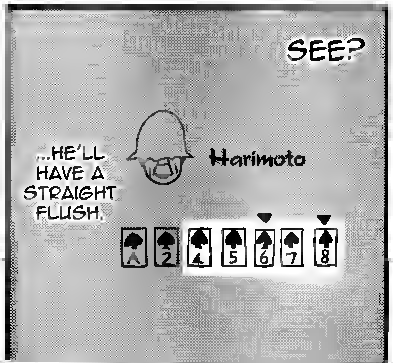
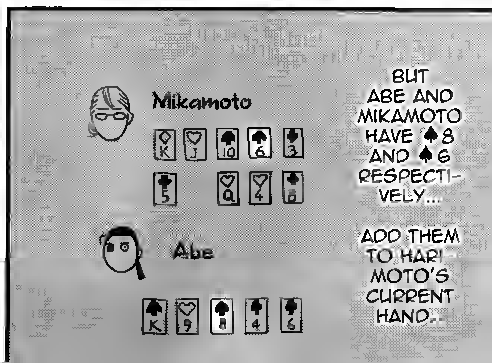
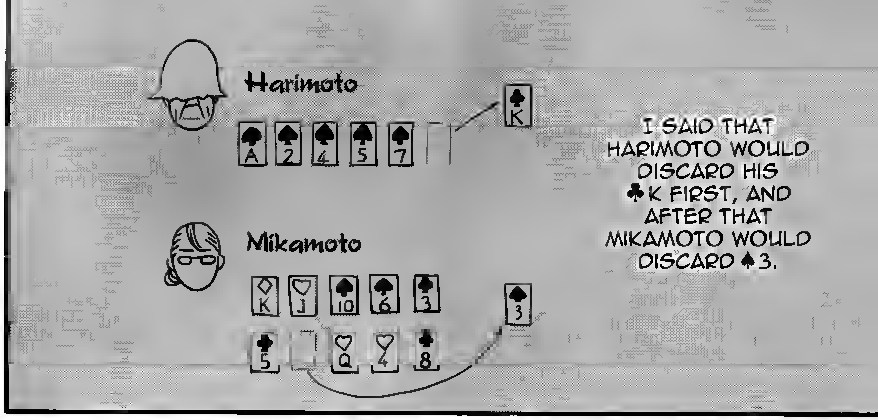
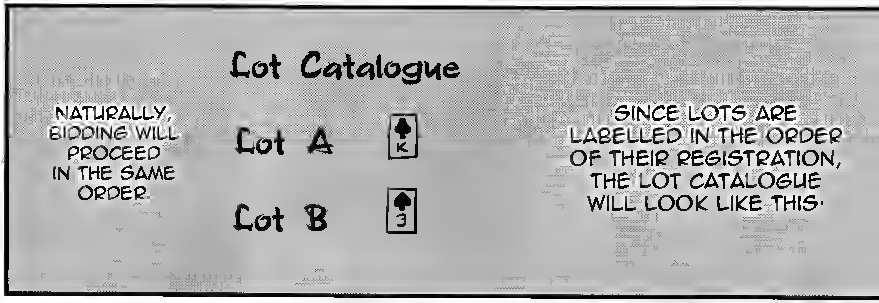

Harimoto
Akiyama
Mikamoto
SUPPOSE, MIKAMOTO DISCARDED THAT ♠3, AND I MANAGED TO OUTBID HARIMOTO AND SEIZE IT.


SEE?
...HE'LL HAVE A STRAIGHT FLUSH.
Harimoto

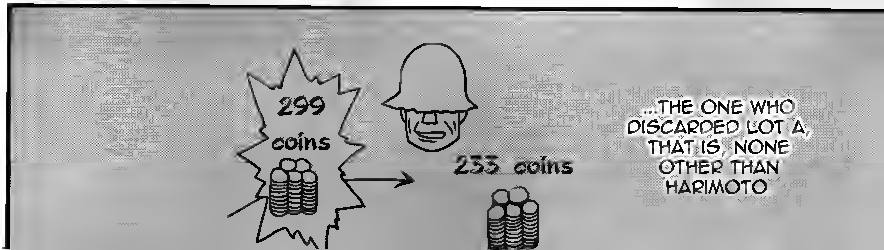

Mikamoto
Abe
BUT ABE AND MIKAMOTO HAVE ♠8 AND ♠6 RESPECTIVELY...
ADD THEM TO HARIMOTO'S CURRENT HAND.

HE CAN ASSEMBLE A STRAIGHT FLUSH EVEN WITHOUT ♠3!
!!
EXACTLY.
BUT WAIT A SEC, AKIYAMA-KUN
IF IT COMES TO THAT, YOU'LL JUST NEED TO OUTBID'EM AGAIN, Y'KNOW?
WELL, IT MAY SEEM POSSIBLE TO YOU, BUT...
...IF THEY MOVE AS I EXPECT THEM TO,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT.
!!
THINK BACK TO WHAT I EXPECT THEIR NEXT MOVE TO BE

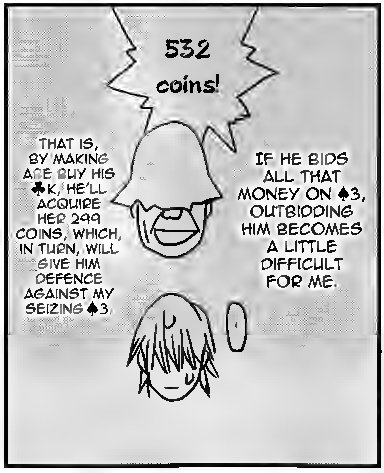

Harimoto
A 2 4 5 7
K
I SAID THAT HARIMOTO WOULD DISCARD HIS ♣K FIRST, AND AFTER THAT MIKAMOTO WOULD DISCARD ♠3.
Mikamoto
K J 10 6 3
5 Q 4 8
3

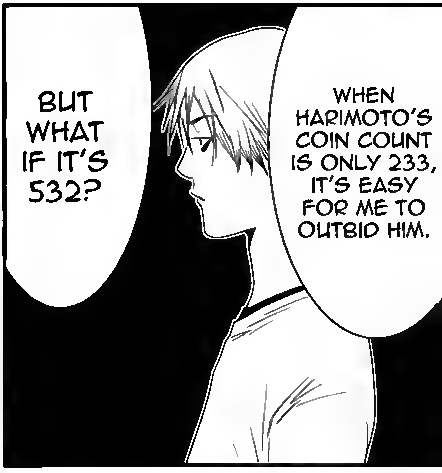

Lot Catalogue
NATURALLY, BIDDING WILL PROCEED IN THE SAME ORDER.
Lot A
K
Lot B
3
SINCE LOTS ARE LABELLED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR REGISTRATION, THE LOT CATALOGUE WILL LOOK LIKE THIS.

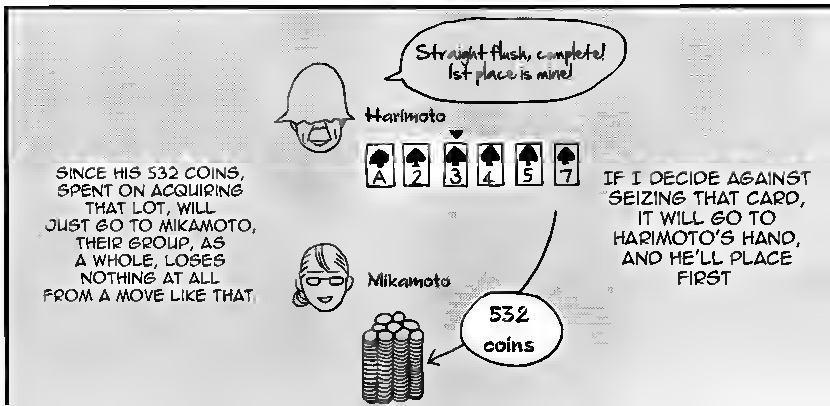
All my 299 coins!
AND THE PLAYER THAT MONEY GOES TO IS...
K
THE MOST LIKELY SCENARIO IS THAT ABE BIDS ALL OF HER 299 COINS ON LOT A.

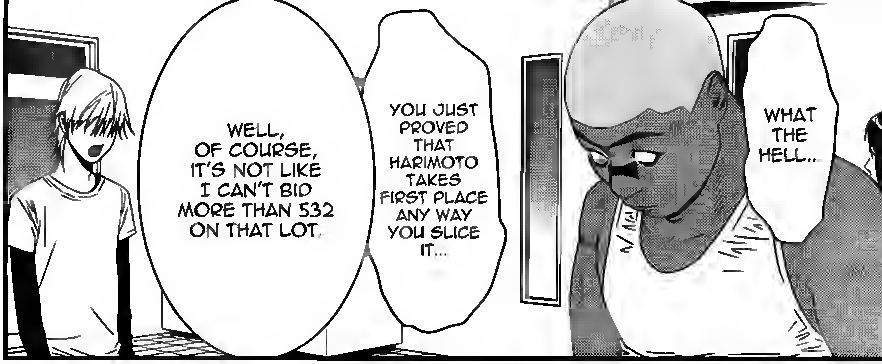

299 coins
233 coins
...THE ONE WHO DISCARDED LOT A, THAT IS, NONE OTHER THAN HARIMOTO

AT THAT POINT, HARIMOTO-SAN WILL HAVE 532 COINS AT HIS DISPOSAL!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, ABE WILL HAND HIM THOSE 299 COINS OF HERS.
!!

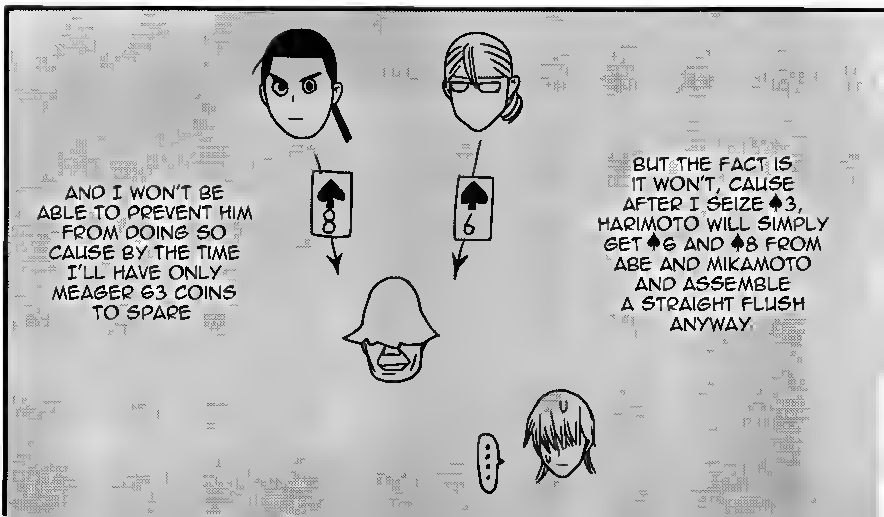

532 coins!
THAT IS, BY MAKING ABE BUY HIS ♣K, HE'LL ACQUIRE HER 299 COINS, WHICH, IN TURN, WILL GIVE HIM DEFENCE AGAINST MY SEIZING ♠3.
IF HE BIDS ALL THAT MONEY ON ♠3, OUTBIDDING HIM BECOMES A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR ME.


BUT WHAT IF IT'S 532?
WHEN HARIMOTO'S COIN COUNT IS ONLY 233, IT'S EASY FOR ME TO OUTBID HIM.


Straight flush, complete! 1st place is mine!
Harimoto
A 2 3 4 5 7
SINCE HIS 532 COINS, SPENT ON ACQUIRING THAT LOT, WILL JUST GO TO MIKAMOTO, THEIR GROUP, AS A WHOLE, LOSES NOTHING AT ALL FROM A MOVE LIKE THAT.
IF I DECIDE AGAINST SEIZING THAT CARD, IT WILL GO TO HARIMOTO'S HAND, AND HE'LL PLACE FIRST
Mikamoto
532 coins


WELL, OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T BID MORE THAN 532 ON THAT LOT.
YOU JUST PROVED THAT HARIMOTO TAKES FIRST PLACE ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT...
WHAT THE HELL..

...AND THAT'D STILL BE FINE BY ME IF IT HELPED ME PROTECT MY LEAD.
I CAN SPEND MORE THAN 500 MILLION ON A CARD THAT'S BASICALLY TRASH TO ME...


AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO PREVENT HIM FROM DOING SO CAUSE BY THE TIME I'LL HAVE ONLY MEAGER 63 COINS TO SPARE
8
6
BUT THE FACT IS IT WON'T, CAUSE AFTER I SEIZE ♠3, HARIMOTO WILL SIMPLY GET ♠6 AND ♠8 FROM ABE AND MIKAMOTO AND ASSEMBLE A STRAIGHT FLUSH ANYWAY.
!

HARIMOTO TAKES THE FIRST PLACE IN ANY CASE.
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
.....
HAHA! NOTHING LESS FROM AKIYAMA!
UNLIKE KANZAKI, HE HAS A REALLY GOOD GRASP ON THE SITUATION.
NOW, I EXPECT, HE WILL OPENLY TELL KAWAI...
...THAT HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH A LOSER LIKE HIM!
AKI-YAMA..
BY THAT YOU WANNA SAY.
...YOU'RE IN A BIND YOURSELF WITH ALMOST NO CHANCE TO WIN, AND YOU HAVE NO TIME TO SPARE TO WORRY ABOUT SAVING ME— IS THAT IT?

YEAH, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH SPOT ON.
KU KU KU!
AKIYAMA-SAN...
!!
AAH...
HOW-EVER!
...THAN YEAH, I HAVE MY HANDS FULL ALREADY WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT HELPING THE LIKES OF YOU, KAWAI
IF IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING A HIGH PLACE ON THE RANKING LIST BY SELLING THE CARDS YOU DON'T NEED AS EXPENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE AND BUYING THOSE YOU NEED AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE ..
THIS BID POKER GAME...

THIS GAME IS NOT ABOUT THAT.
ITS TRUE MEANING LIES ELSE-WHERE.
!?
!?
AKIYAMA ?
I'M MORE OR LESS SURE
THAT KIMURA AND HARIMOTO DON'T REALIZE THAT YET.
WHAT PROVES IT..

...IS THE FACT THAT THEY FELL NEATLY INTO THE TRAP
THAT I COVERTLY SET FOR THEM.
FU FU FU.
WHICH MEANS ?
!?
!?
I'LL WIN THIS GAME.
AND SO WILL KANZAKI. AND...
...EVEN YOU, KAWAI.
HERE IT IS! THE FAILPROOF WAY TO VICTORY!!
TBC in YJ #48 (10/25)
[LIAR GAME]
NEXT TIME: AKIYAMA COUNTERATTACKS!
END